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# Conference programme

## BSEC 2010 includes a two-day paid for conference

The BSEC conference runs over two days and attracts almost 1,000 delegates. The latest programme is detailed below:

### Day one Wednesday 24 February

**09.00** Exhibition opens: coffee and registration

**09.45** The morning plenary session  
(Platinum room 1+2+3+4)

#### Setting the scene for BSEC 2010

**Professor Stephen Heppell**, heppell.net  
Stephen's enormous contribution to learning and ICT includes helping to shape government policy through his involvement in the Stevenson Report. Benefit from his further experience as sponsor of Portland Academy, the first academic to be selected for such a role.

#### Fostering tomorrow's creatives

**Lord Puttnam**, film producer and education philanthropist  
David Puttnam's many award winning films include *The Mission*, *The Killing Fields*, *Local Hero*, *Chariots of Fire*, *Midnight Express*, *Bugsy Malone*, and *The Memphis Belle*. David now focuses on his work in education and the environment, and will outline how future learning has the potential to shape a generation of world-beating British creative talent.

#### Partnerships for Schools

**Tim Byles**, chief executive, Partnerships for Schools  
Find out the key points new schools and local authorities entering need to know, how capital programmes will be delivered in the current economic climate, and how PIS' assumption of all programmes is enabling a 'single school capital conversation' between the public and private sectors.

#### Ensuring design quality in the teeth of the recession

**Paul Finch**, chair, CABE  
Design quality in BSF is arguably a bellwether for standards in all public buildings. Hear CABE's incoming chair set out his top priorities for his term of office, and how CABE will ensure standards will not drop.

#### Audience questions and answers

**11.05 – 11.45** Coffee and exhibition viewing

**Ty Goddard**, chief executive, BCSE  
J'accuse, what's wrong with what we're doing

**Marcus Orlovsky**, founder member and director, Bryanston Square  
**Thoughts of a former headteacher**  
**Glynis Gower**, former headteacher of Penistone Grammar School & educationalist with BAM PPP  
**12.40 – 13.40** Lunch and exhibition viewing

**13.40** Panel: Schools capital programmes for the future  
Gain insight on what future government policy could mean for the nature of future investment in the schools estate, including the nature of a new academies programme and how the fundamental need for investment can be reconciled with the imperative of cost improvement.

**David Bill**, head of public sector, Mace Group  
**Tim Byles**, chief executive, Partnerships for Schools  
**Anna Fazackerley**, head of education & arts & culture units, Policy Exchange  
**Sir Bruce Liddington**, former schools commissioner for England and director general, EACT  
**Barry Sheerman MP**, chairman of the children, schools and families select committee  
**Justin Slater**, former policy & programme director with Partnerships for Schools

**14.20** Break and exhibition viewing

#### 15.30 Delegates choice

Five sessions allowing more detailed interaction and discussion on specific topics:

##### 1. Design

This CABE workshop focuses on primary school refurbishment. The first 100 BSEC delegates choosing to participate will be split into groups of 10, each facilitated by a CABE enabler to look at two schools. The first is Fir Hill, addressing the challenge of refurbishing with a small budget over a long period of time. The second is Burnham Copse campus, where delegates will be invited to identify constraints and opportunities from plans and photos, before the project architect from Hampshire presents what was actually done.

CABE's enablers will include:

**Peter Maxwell**, head of enabling public buildings, CABE

##### 2. ICT in the BSF programme

Schools and local authorities need to have a long term vision and strategy for the role of technology in education and this needs to be considered before focusing on the design of buildings. This session includes input from Becta and Partnerships for Schools and also focuses

on the experience of two award winning local authorities and their schools and partners.

#### Speakers will include:

**Chair: Nina Woodcock**, head of capital programmes, Becta  
**Steve Moss**, strategic director for ICT, Partnerships for Schools  
**Penny Patterson**, senior inspector ICT futures, London Borough of Havering  
**Richard Ayre**, vice principal, Brittons School and Technology College, Havering  
**James Grant**, Sheffield BSF manager, Civica

#### 3. Sustainability

By next February the DCSF Zero Carbon [Schools] Task Force will make significant announcements impacting contractors. Attend this session to discover the requirements, and means to achieve them through the award winning Acharacle primary school.

#### Speakers will include:

**Chair: Robin Nicholson**, chairman of the DCSF Zero Carbon [Schools] Task Force  
**John Easton**, principal, sustainability, Archial  
**Vic Ebdon**, BSF programme director, Devon County Council  
**George Martin**, head of sustainability, Willmott Dixon  
**Martin Mayfield**, director, Arup  
**Sarah McCarrick**, technical consultant, BRE Global

#### 4. Academies

Discover what key influencers feel is challenging in the current programme, and what they advise in terms of maximising the effectiveness of the relationship between sponsor, local authority and contractor to deliver and manage outstanding academies.

#### Speakers will include:

**Chair: Geoffrey Davies**, consultant, lewissilkin, and board member, ULT  
**Charles Parker**, academies advisor, Partnerships for Schools  
**Phillip Gillard**, principal and education practice area leader, Gensler  
**Bill Watkin**, operational director, SSAT

#### 5. Learning from Denmark

Institutions like Hellerup school and Ørsted college are setting new standards in architectural design that corresponds to new visions of content, subject matter, organization, and learning systems. This session features leading actors in the reform of Denmark's school system.

#### Speakers will include:

**Morten Schmidt**, founding partner, schmidt hammer lassen architects  
**Kim Herforth Nielsen**, founder and principal architect, 3XN, Denmark  
**Julian Weyer**, partner, CF Møller architects, Denmark  
**Jensby Lange**, chief consultants, Grontmij I Carl Bro Future Schools, Denmark

**17.00** Exhibition viewing time

**17.30** Happy hour networking drinks

**18.30** Close of day one

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## Day two Thursday 25 February

**09.00** Exhibition opens: coffee and registration

**10.00** The morning plenary session

### The school as the keystone of the community

**Tony McGuirk**, chairman, BDP  
Presenting the opportunity for architects and urban designers to transform society through adventurous design, by working collaboratively with the community. Featuring key features of BDP's vertical schools, including the Hampden Gurney school, the Bridge Academy, and the University of Sunderland.

### The view from the contractor

**Mike Peasland**, group managing director, Balfour Beatty  
Learn the current thinking from one of the major contractors on the likelihood of projects to reach financial close in today's economy, how 'healthy' the LEP model is, whether we will see a substantial shift from PFI to direct procurement, and what this means for the contractor's ability to form strong, lasting relationships with LEAs, teachers, pupils and the community.

Panel: School capital programmes as catalysts for sustainable regeneration  
Discover how different sources of funding are being accessed to combine educational, residential and commercial development to kickstart community regeneration, and prospective mechanisms to smooth the process.  
**Panellists will include:**  
**Steve Cooper**, development director for schools, Skanska Infrastructure Development  
**Rob Holt**, education director, Carillion  
**David Luntis**, regional director, Homes and Communities Agency

**11.35 – 12.20** Coffee and exhibition viewing

### BCSE Great Schools Inquiry & Commission

**Baroness Morris of Yardley**, commission chair and former Secretary of State for Education  
A partnership to deliver more than just buildings  
**Stephen Beechey**, education sector leader, Laing O'Rourke

**11.35 – 12.20** Coffee and exhibition viewing

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Panel: The educators respond  
Hear what members of the NAHT, NASUWT, ASCL and NGA are telling their representative bodies about BSF and other school capital

programmes, and their effectiveness to date.

### Panellists will include:

**Judith Bennett**, chair, National Governors' Association  
**Bob Johnson**, national official - salaries, pensions and conditions of service, NASUWT  
**John Troake**, National Association of Head Teachers  
**Malcolm Trobe**, policy director, Association of School and College Leaders

13.40 Lunch and exhibition viewing

### 15.00 Delegates choice

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#### 6. ICT

See real-time demonstrations of learning scenarios using next generation ICT & ILT devices and applications which reflect students' increasing use of integrated social media. What does this mean for the future of school?

### Speakers will include:

**Tim Rudd**, senior researcher, futurelab  
**Tony Parkin**, head of ICT development, SSAT  
**Chris Poole**, director, looked solutions

#### 7. Co-located services, SENs, and external spaces

Find out how to deliver co-located children's and families' health and educational services on single sites, drawing on important lessons learned from delivering special educational needs. There will be a further focus on the design and use of external spaces for learning.

### Speakers will include:

**Catherine Andrews**, chief executive, Learning through Landscapes  
**Caroline Buckingham**, director and head of education, HLM Architects  
**Marlin Evans**, partner at Watkins Gray International  
**Noel Farrer**, Farrer Huxley Associates  
**Rhian Lloyd-Lee**, educationalist, Cambridge Education Associates  
**Susan Witterick**, principal acoustic consultant, Capita Symonds

#### 8. The primary capital programme

Learn the important lessons from the pathfinder schools, including the Northwood primary school and the recently opened John Perry primary school. This session will feature the headteachers, local authorities and

contractors involved.

### Speakers will include:

**Philip Watson**, head of education, Atkins  
**George McQueen**, BSF director, Darlington Borough Council  
**David Ackroyd**, headteacher, Northwood Primary School  
**Julia McCabe**, capital projects manager (school place planning and assets), Darlington Borough Council  
**Steve Dunham**, client representative, London Borough of Ealing  
**Von Smith**, headteacher, John Perry School  
**Ana Matic**, project architect, Penoyre & Prasad  
**Steve Harnett**, construction manager, Willmott Dixon

#### 9. Interiors and remodelling, getting more for less

Discover how designers and contractors are achieving vital cost reductions by transforming existing buildings through use of furniture, fixtures and equipment, whilst managing to avoid a 'two tier' building classification.

### Speakers will include:

**Chair: Marcus Orlovsky**, founder member and director, Bryanston Square  
**Anthony Langan**, director, Aedas

How North Somerset is preparing teachers for BSF through advanced thought on pedagogy and a networked approach to continual professional development  
**Andrea Sully**, learning, research and development adviser, North Somerset children and young people's services

**16.30** Exhibition viewing time

**17.00** Close of BSEC 2010

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# Head teachers zone

## Head teachers seminar

### theatre at BSEC

This year head teachers and their deputies visiting the free BSEC exhibition will be able to learn from their peers. Other head teachers at various stages in the BSF process will share their experiences, advise on planning input to the BSF process at appropriate points to achieve maximum impact, share the skills required to inform and strategically lead transformation of learning throughout BSF. Over the two days the presentations will give insight on minimising disruption and ensuring schools are rebuilt or remodelled on time and to the highest standards.

#### Day one – Wednesday 24 February

**10.30 – 11.15** Learning from One School Pathfinders  
Going through the programme Chessington Community College's old building was demolished and replaced with a temporary village at the rear of the site. Throughout the work, it was important that the college remained fully operational so that the students encountered as little disruption as possible. This presentation highlights the actions needed to maintain total continuity of education provision and ensure that the quality of teaching and learning remains high throughout the entire OSP project.

**David Kemp**, former principal, Chessington Community College

Examining the practical realities of transferring visionary concepts into outcomes for children. In addition to the teachers and changed learning environments, this presentation will outline the attention and actions required for the support staff roles and services that facilitate the teaching and learning.

**John Duprey**, headteacher, Belfriars High School

**Melanie McGauley**, curriculum director, Belfriars High School

**Steve Smith**, support services director, Belfriars High School

**14.30 – 15.15** Nurture Future – schools grown from transformational thinking

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- Design that provides stimulating environments and promotes innovations in learning

**James Pickard**, Director, Cartwright Pickard Architects

**Colin Richardson**, Sales Director, Tarmac Building Products

**Lee Hargreaves**, Associate Director, WSP

**16.00 – 16.45** Pupil engagement as a teaching tool within BSF  
Trialled last November at the Henry Compton school in Fulham, the 'Classroom of the Future' is a role-playing design and construction exercise for secondary school pupils designed to develop entrepreneurial and team skills. Discover the outcomes of the trial, the results in terms of education in architecture and construction, and the potential to run-on to live projects and BSF.

**Dinesh Ramjee**, headteacher, Henry Compton School

**Roy Howard and James Mills**, Young Enterprise

**Nick Thompson**, partner, Cole Thompson Anders

#### Day two – Thursday 25 February

**10.30 – 11.15** 'Fit for the Future' designing for PE and sport  
This informative session will be relevant to all those interested in developing innovative design solutions for PE & Sport, including Schools, Local Authorities, Architects and Contractors. 'Fit for the Future' is a new resource commissioned by Partnerships for Schools with support from their PE & Sport Design Steering Group. It aims to challenge current thinking, provoke discussion and provide advice. The resource includes concept designs for 4 imaginary learning centres developed by David Morley Architects.

**Rebecca Bracey**, PE and sport adviser, Partnerships for Schools  
**Representative**, David Morley Architects

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**16.00 – 16.45** What's needed from the head  
Discover the necessary hands-on engagement required by the head to see through a new school building from vision to completion, how this can be accommodated within an existing workflow, and how to get it right by working intensively with colleagues to get the learning vision clear and translated into the appropriate designs.

**Bernard Clarke**, consultant head, Kent secondary transformation team

#### The role of education transformation

Portsmouth's BSF transformation manager Mike Smith is also headteacher of the City of Portsmouth of Boys' School. Mike will talk about his experience of gaining consensus across Portsmouth's schools on what education transformation means, feeding this into the outline business case and strategy for change, and thereby ensuring the shared vision is reflected in the ways that new schools are designed and built.

**Mike Smith**, headteacher, City of Portsmouth Boys' School

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# Meet the project leaders

## Local authorities at BSEC



This year two Local Authority villages will house many of those councils that are ready to kickstart large BSF programmes. In concert with headteachers, local authorities shape the destiny of building schools programmes on the client side, making executive decisions about BSF bids. Local Authorities will be showcasing their education visions and revealing the headline details of their schools schemes. This is a rare chance to meet Local Authorities before they tender. New to BSEC is the biggest schools client outside of Local Authorities – the Church of England.

Meet Local Authority teams at their stands and liaise with them in our new Local Authority lounge. This is the best way of finding out the key details about the latest BSF and PCP schemes coming to market.

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### Day one – Wednesday 24 February

#### 10.30 – 11.15

##### **Building Schools for the Future – an inside look**

A revealing look at the nuts and bolts of a BSF scheme in full flow, showing how it incorporates all kinds of school building projects.

Led by **Tina Robinson**, BSF programme director at Redcar and Cleveland Council.

- How BSF now incorporates primary, secondary and sixth form colleges as top to bottom radical change is executed across a schools estate
- Communicating with the teachers, pupils and parents as schools are closed, refurbished or moved to new locations

#### 14.30 – 15.15

A comprehensive rundown on one of the biggest BSF schemes in the country – the latest word on Kent's £1Bn schools scheme

**Grahame Ward**, director of Capital Programme and Infrastructure at Kent County Council

- All the facts and figures surrounding Kent's giant schools scheme, including an exposition of how the client works with stakeholders from schools and manages a massive design and build team
- How to stick to an education vision and overriding

design brief over a programme involving several dozen schools lasting many years

#### 16.00 – 16.45

**Foundations for the future – use of materials in new schools. Representative**, the Concrete Centre

### Day two – Thursday 25 February

#### 10.30 – 11.15

**Transforming education – changing young people's lives**

**Ray Baker**, BSF Director, Lancashire County Council

- An account of the realities of the largest early-wave BSF scheme, transforming schools in former mill-towns bringing 21st century learning to an area in need of regeneration
- Education for all . . . What does educational transformation really mean at classroom level?

#### 14.30 – 15.15

**Donald Farquharson**, BSF Project Manager, Royal Borough of Kingston

- Pathfinder to the main event – how the One School Pathfinder scheme feeds into major BSF schemes
- Capital thinking – touching on the special challenges of building in the city
- Design priorities – how local authorities are setting their own agenda – with Kingston it's health at the top of the list

#### 16.00 – 16.45

**Foundations for the future – use of materials in new schools. Representative**, Tarmac



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- Main contractors/LEPS
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- Head teachers
- Supply chain
- ICT professionals
- Engineers
- Project managers
- Quantity surveyors
- Consultants
- Government departments
- School governors

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# The BSEC exhibition

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# School design is key to pupil success, say headteachers

An exclusive survey commissioned by the Building Schools Exhibition and Conference (BSEC) completed by 87 headteachers of secondary schools found that 78% agreed strongly that attainment was linked to the school estate, & 93% felt improving school buildings in poor condition had a positive effect on pupil's learning opportunities.

The survey provides a stark warning to government officials who may contemplate reviewing the school building programme and emphasised how any cuts to funding would seriously impact on the country's stated educational objectives.

With many commentators predicting extensive public sector cuts following a new government taking control after May's general election both the education and construction sectors are showing renewed interest in the networking opportunities presented by the BSEC 2010.

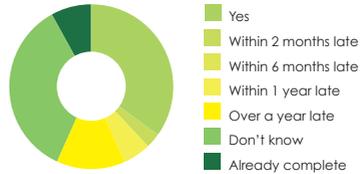
The survey, which also found that:

**56%** of headteachers believed that a political party's support for school building would be a vote winner in a general election

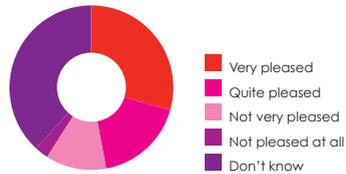
& **82%** stated that they were worried about cuts to school building projects

certainly provides food for thought for anyone involved in the £55bn Building Schools for Future programmes, as well as new government ministers who may find themselves controlling the country's public sector purse strings.

## Did you expect your project to be completed to your original timescale?



## Are you pleased with the design of your new school?



## How successful do you think the capital building programmes have been so far?

