

The Education Network
MEDIA INFORMATION

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School Standards Minister to speak at school partnerships conference

David Miliband MP, Minister of State for School Standards, is to speak at a one-day conference organised by The Education Network (TEN) entitled Building more bridges - independent and state school partnerships.

It takes place on Tuesday 22 June, from 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, London WC1. Other speakers include Anne Diack, Director of the Innovation Unit at the Department for Education and Science (DfES); Cllr Hazel Harding, Leader of Lancashire County Council; and Pat Langham, Head teacher at Wakefield Girls High School.

The government has promoted partnerships between state and independent secondary schools as part of the effort to drive up standards. There will be funding for further partnerships in the autumn of 2004.

The conference will be attended by senior local education authority (LEA) elected members; senior LEA officers and advisers and representatives of independent schools.

Building more bridges is organised in association with the Independent/State Schools Partnership Forum.

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Notes to Editors

1. The Education Network (TEN) is an independent policy, research and information organisation set up to develop, promote and disseminate the role and good practice of local authorities in raising educational aspiration and achievement. Around 90 per cent of local education authorities in England and Wales subscribe to TEN.

2. Journalists wishing to attend this day conference on 22 June should contact Martin Rogers on 020 7554 2812 or
martin.rogers@ten.info.

3. The final programme for the conference follows below:

	CHAIR: Eric Wood, Warwickshire County Education Officer
9.30	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS
10:20	Chair's opening remarks

10.35 David Miliband, Minister for School Standards. On the
benefits of building bridges

11:20 Cllr Hazel Harding progress through the LGA/ ISC group

11:40 Pat Langham on the Partnership grants scheme

12:00 Anne Diack: Partnerships make a difference

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Workshops

15:00 Final plenary; Feedback from workshops

15:30 Close and tea