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Minister to address conference on the use of data in raising school standards

School Standards Minister Stephen Twigg is the keynote speaker at The Education Network's (TEN) forthcoming one-day conference on Using data to narrow the achievement gap.

The conference takes place on Thursday 3 February, from 9.30am to 4pm at the New Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden, London WC2.

Building on the success of last year's TEN event on the same theme, this conference provides an opportunity to learn about developments and strategies in the use of data that are helping local education authorities (LEAs) to support schools in raising achievement.

The conference will consist of plenary sessions chaired by Steve Sinnott, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers (NUT), and breakout seminars for more specific areas of discussion. The first plenary session will include a keynote address from Stephen Twigg MP, Minister of State for School Standards.

The event will be attended by local education authority (LEA) elected members with Cabinet responsibility for Education and chairs of Scrutiny; school improvement advisers, inspectors and consultants; researchers and statisticians in LEAs; co-ordinators of governor services; and governors and representative school staff. This TEN conference is organised in association with the Department for Education and Skills (DfES), the Confederation of Education and Children's Services Managers (ConfEd), the information service EMIE, and the Virtual Staff College.