

Side Event Schedule

2026 What Works Hub for Global Education Conference

A note about planning side events

The What Works Hub for Global Education recognises that the value of this conference extends beyond the quality sessions to the presence of hundreds of great minds together in Oxford; we encourage participants to take advantage of this proximity and use this moment to convene, connect and go deeper on the issues that matter most. Side events are a wonderful part of what makes this gathering so valuable. In particular, we have reserved Thursday (17th) and Friday (18th) for side events. (As a reminder, no side events should be scheduled for Tuesday (15th) or Wednesday (16th), the days of the conference.) While the What Works Hub for Global Education is not managing side events, we do want to highlight the events – that have been communicated to us – that are taking place. If you would like to have your side event listed below, please contact wwhge@betterpurpose.co.

Schedule at a Glance

Time	Side Event	Host	Location	Notes
Monday, 14 September				
14:30-16:30	Community of Practice workshop: What does it take for government systems to deliver foundational learning at scale?	What Works Hub for Global Education	BSG Seminar rooms	This Community of Practice workshop will bring together senior government leaders, practitioners, researchers and partners to explore how government systems can be strengthened to achieve sustained improvements in foundational learning at scale.
17:00-19:00	The Future of Education Evidence Collaboration: A BE² Member Working Session/Dinner	Building Evidence in Education	The Old Bank Hotel Quod Restaurant 92-94 High Street, Oxford, OX1 4BJ	The meeting will take place from 17:00-18:30, followed by light refreshments from 18:30-19:30. Registration limited to staff from BE2 member organisations and BE2 SIG members. Register by Sept 1: olivia.crawley@manningdaniels.com
18:30-20:00	UNICEF IRPLG Meetings	Implementation Research Peer Learning Group	Location TBC (Jericho, Oxford)	An informal, first in-person gathering of the Implementation Research Peer Learning Group at a local pub/restaurant (TBC) – Food and drink will be self-paid.

19:30-21:30	BE² Informal Gathering: Drinks, Dessert and Conversation	Building Evidence in Education	Location TBC	Open registration. Attendees are welcome to join for drinks, dessert or a late dinner. Food and drinks will be self-paid. Register by Sept 1: olivia.crawley@manningdaniels.com
<i>Tuesday, 15 September – What Works Hub for Global Education Conference Day 1 – No Side Events</i>				
<i>Wednesday, 16 September – What Works Hub for Global Education Conference Day 2 – No Side Events</i>				
Thursday, 17 September				
8:00-10:00	Initial Teacher Education: Discussing the Evidence and Practice Gaps	Learning Generation Initiative	St Anne's College	Register for Initial Teacher Education: Discussing the Evidence and Practice Gaps
9:00-10:30	How can outcomes-based approaches strengthen public systems so that change endures long after individual programmes end?	Language and Learning Foundation, Dalberg		
9:00-11:30	Unravelling the 'black box' of research use in education: an evidence user journey workshop	OECD	Pitt Rivers Museum – Lecture Room, Oxford	Link to the event information and registration: Unravelling the 'black box' of research use in education: an evidence user journey workshop – Fill in form
9:00-13:30	Targeted instruction: field innovation and shared learning	Pratham, TaRL Africa, Gates Foundation, and What Works Hub for Global Education	BSG Seminar Rooms 3 & 4	For more information, contact: amanda@prathaminternational.org daniele.ressler@teachingattherightlevel.org michelle.kaffenberger@bsg.ox.ac.uk
10:00–12:30, followed	The Thriving Gap: What Impact	Dream a Dream	Clore Lecture Room, Thatcher Business	Register for 'The Thriving Gap'

by lunch	Measures Can't See...Yet		Education Centre, Saïd Business School, Oxford	Contact information: apoorva@dreamadream.org , mahi@dreamadream.org
10:30-12:30	Transforming Education Systems From Within: Insights from South-South Exchange	Learning Generation Initiative, Centro Lemann, ITA, and Global Schools Forum	St Anne's College	Register for Transforming Education Systems From Within
10:30	Delivering the Foundation	Saajha	The Nest at the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford	Open to researchers, implementers, policymakers, and funders. This is hybrid – in person or online. Registration: https://luma.com/6nd14wtu
11:00-13:00	Investing for Impact: What Works Best to Improve Learning and Wellbeing in Crisis-Affected Contexts?	Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crisis (ERICC), Education Cannot Wait (ECW), Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE), and UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)	BSG Seminar Room 1	Open Registration via RSVP form . Contact details: Shreya Shreeraman shreya.shreeraman@inee.org
13:30-15:00	Middle Tier and School Leadership: Two Complementary Levers for System Transformation	Learning Generation Initiative and Global School Leaders	St Anne's College	Register for Middle Tier and School Leadership
15:30-18:30	Achieving equitable learning: How can we scale without leaving some learners behind?	What Works Hub for Global Education	BSG Seminar Rooms 3 & 4	Limited registration: Register for 'achieving equitable learning'
15:30-18:00	How do we get every child reading? Refining what	Global Schools Forum	BSG Lecture Theatre 1	Open registration via 'How do we get every child reading?' registration form

	works and delivering it well			
Friday, 18 September				
8:30- 13:45	The Future of Gender in Education	Echidna Giving & Gates Foundation	Old Bank Hotel	Limited registration