

ARC 2024 Summit

Edinburgh, Scotland

September 26-29, 2024

Objectives:

1. Share progress since last year and identify current and future challenges.
2. Reaffirm and renew ARC values & directions. Welcome new members.
3. Focus on Attendance, Belonging and Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Explore how we address these challenges at school and at system level.
4. Support and challenge each other on our strategic issues and challenges.
5. Agree the vision and next steps for ARC.

Main issue for discussion:

The summit will explore the challenges of how we help young people to become the best of who they can be, in line with our ARC values of democracy, inclusion and human rights. What can schools and education systems do to enable all young people to attend school, to develop a sense of belonging in school and to achieve success? What role do teachers play in ensuring that young people engage successfully at school and how can we support and develop excellence in teaching and learning?

Questions to be explored:

- a) In what ways can we promote and support attendance, belonging and success for students in an age of polarization, fragmentation, mental health challenges and digital distraction?
- b) How should we invest in the professional learning of teachers to address the changing needs of young people and the new challenges facing schools?
- c) What are the challenges and opportunities of AI as it relates to attendance, belonging and teacher excellence?
- d) What are the implications for how our leadership of education systems needs to change?

Thought Leaders Who Will Support Our Work

[Lee Elliott Major](#), OBE, Professor of Social Mobility, University of Exeter. Author of *Social Mobility and its Enemies*, *Equity in Education*, and *What Works*.

[Mary Gordon](#), Order of Canada, creator and leader of the globally recognized and thoroughly researched Roots of Empathy program in schools.

Summit Program Overview

Thursday 26 September (National Day)

13.35	Coach picks up from Delta Hotels to The Royal High School, Edinburgh
14.05	Guests arrive at The Royal High School, Edinburgh
14.15	Introduction to the National Day from Graeme Logan, Director of Learning, Scottish Government
14.20	Introduction from the Headteacher/school leadership team and performance from school pupils
14.45	Welcome from the Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills, Jenny Gilruth MSP
14.50	Overview of the Scottish education system – presentation from Graeme Logan, Director of Learning & Clare Hicks, Director, Education Reform – Scottish Government
15.15	Equity, wellbeing and belonging - interactive session/facilitated discussion groups involving children and young people
16.15	Excellence in learning and teaching – Q&A panel session Panel members: <i>Gillian Hamilton, Interim Chief Executive, Education Scotland</i> <i>Janie McManus, HM Interim Chief Inspector, Education Scotland</i> <i>Andrea Bradley, General Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)</i> <i>Jonny Cunningham, Vice President, Association of Headteachers and Deputies in Scotland (AHDS)</i> <i>Andy Brown, National Maths Specialist</i>
17.15	Comfort Break (refreshments available)
17.45	Reflections on the Scottish education system – an opportunity for feedback from the ARC members
18.15	Close
18.15	Coach picks up from The Royal High School, Edinburgh to Delta Hotels
19.30	Delegates to make own arrangements re evening meal. Networking opportunity

Friday 27 September

08.10	Departure from Delta Hotels to school visits
09.00	School visits
11.30	Departure from school visits to Delta Hotels
12.15	Light lunch
	Fourth ARC Summit commences
13.30	Introductions. Ground rules, protocols, and programme
13.50	Formal keynote address. Cabinet Secretary for Education
14.00	Andy Hargreaves. Setting the scene for the summit
14.15	Activity. Why are we here?
14.40	Activity. Describing and Sharing our Education System
15.10	Plenary
15.15	Refreshment break
15.45	Input. Lee Elliott Major
16.15	Reflection
16.30	Mixed cross-system groups
17.30	Plenary
17.45	Break
19.30	Informal dinner

Saturday 28 September

09.00	Introduction to Stepping Stones Activity. Attendance, belonging and excellence in teaching and learning
09.15	Stepping Stones Activity and Discussion
10.30	Refreshments
11.00	Plenary
11.15	Mixed cross-system groups to look in depth at the issues
12.30	lunch
13.30	Input. Mary Gordon.
14.00	Reflection
14.15	Role specific discussion groups
15.45	Refreshments
16.15	ARC Talks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carol Campbell: Thought leader• Lee Elliott Major: Thought leader• Mary Gordon: Thought Leader• Yngve Lindvig: ARC Founder, Thought Leader

17.15	Close
18.00	Departure from Delta Hotels for Edinburgh Castle and Gala dinner
21.30	Departure from Edinburgh Castle for Delta Hotels

Sunday 29 September

09.00	Summary of outcomes from Day One and Day Two
09.15	System to system consultancy and feedback
11.15	ARC vision and next steps
12.15	Plenary and review
13.00	Close and lunch

ARC 2024 Summit Keynote Presenters



Professor Lee Elliott Major

Professor of Social Mobility, University of Exeter

Lee Elliot Major is the country's first Professor of Social Mobility. Appointed by the University of Exeter to be a global leader in the field, his work is dedicated to improving the prospects of young people from under-resourced backgrounds. As a Professor of Practice he focuses on research that has direct impact on policy and practice, working closely with schools, universities, global employers and Government policy makers. He helped establish the South-West Social Mobility Commission to improve outcomes for young people across the South-West peninsula.



Professor Mary Gordon

Founder and President of Roots of Empathy

Mary Gordon is an award-winning social entrepreneur, educator, best-selling author, parenting expert, and child advocate who has created an international children's charity, Roots of Empathy (ROE). She has consulted with and/or presented to the UN, the WHO, UNICEF, The Nelson Mandela Children's Foundation, and to governments. She has been honoured with the Governor General of Canada Award for innovation, is a recipient of the Order of Canada, Order of Ontario, and Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, and is also the recipient of honorary doctorates in Canada and Europe. Ms. Gordon has also been an Ashoka Fellow since 2002, and sits on the executive board of the Ashoka global organization.

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