

# Closing the Socio-Economic Attainment Gap: Where Should Policy Go Next?

**Tuesday 4 November 2014, 5pm to 6.30pm**  
**At the Nowgen Centre, 29 Grafton Street,**  
**Manchester M13 9WU**

## Speakers:

- **Professor Carlo Raffo, Manchester Institute of Education**
- **Colin Ferguson, Teach First**
- **Martin Johnson, Association of Teachers and Lecturers**
- **Nik Miller, The Bridge Group**
- **Hollie Warren, Save the Children**

All the major political parties in England are currently committed to reducing socio-economic inequalities in education. What should they be doing to achieve this? Is the Coalition's approach of targeting individuals through the Pupil Premium the right one? If so, is the funding sufficient? If not, what else is needed? Should a future government be putting greater emphasis on multi-agency initiatives, reducing child poverty, or early years services? Does it need to look more at pedagogy and/or assessment? What is the role of the professions and higher education in addressing the attainment gap? Are gaps in attainment even the right target for policy, or do we need a broader notion of educational equity?

Come and have your say. The event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served from 4.30pm.

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