

**Wessex Association of Leaders in Education
Autumn Conference 14th & 15th November 2019 at**



	Thursday 14 th November		Friday 15 th November
0930 - 1100	Jim Roberson Associate of Independent Thinking	0900 - 1030	SUMO Catriona Hudson
1130 - 1230	Managing complaints Julie Taylor, DC Complaints Manager	1100 - 1230	SUMO Catriona Hudson
1330 - 1430	Chris Dyson The Journey and Business Links	1330 - 1400	WALE Area meetings to contribute to the AGM
1500 - 1600	Chris Dyson Maths & Q&A	1400 - 1430	WALE AGM

WALE annual subscription includes Thursday night residential.



Jim Roberson , self-styled *Discipline Coach* and author of the book of the same name and currently an Assistant head on the south coast, is a powerhouse of ideas and insights designed to help young people help themselves. The lessons Jim shares are lessons hard earned, growing up in New York's Bronx, being the only Black kid in a high-flying White school where he had a sports scholarship to play his beloved America Football, something he did at professional level until injury took its toll. **Associate of Independent Thinking**
www.independentthinking.co.uk

Julie Taylor, former Senior Assurance Manager (Complaints) Dorset Council (now freelance consultant)



Julie took up the role of Dorset County Council Children's Complaints Manager in 2006. She created the Complaints Advice Service for schools and academies. She has helped numerous heads and governors in the management of their own complaints, many of which have been challenging with complainants demonstrating difficult and unreasonable behaviours. The DfE issued new '*Best practice guidance for school complaints procedures 2019*' – her contributions over the last few years on school complaint policy has been accredited by them.



Chris Dyson is the headteacher at Parklands Primary, situated on one of Europe's largest council estates in Leeds. The most deprived school in Leeds, with 74% Pupil Premium, when Chris arrived at the school 4 years ago, it had been deemed inadequate and had 150 exclusions in a year. Today exclusions are zero, the school has the highest progress score for maths in the country, and Ofsted has recently judged the school outstanding.

Chris still has largely the same team as when he arrived, but has changed the culture of the school, with the proverbial 'carrot' being used rather than a stick, coaching used with staff, and the wellbeing of staff and children becoming the driving force. Chris is now an NLE and sharing the story of how he achieved this transformation with leaders from other schools. Twitter at @ChrisDysonHT

Catriona Hudson on behalf of The SUMO Guy



Catriona Hudson is a successful and experienced local authority and housing professional at executive level with substantial experience of change management and organisational development. She is also a specialist in Leadership Development, Marketing and Communication, Customer Experience, and Executive Coaching.

Catriona has been working closely with Paul McGee for the last 4 years. She uses her high energy, impactful style to engage with audiences, never afraid to push people within a safe environment to enable them to elicit real change.

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