Lewisham Challenge: Equalities & Achievement

Open Lecture Programme 2010-2011

Robin Richardson

Due Regard and Disregard: equalities in education, what now? A response to the education White Paper

Thursday 23rd June 2011 5.30pm to 7.00pm

The next lecture in this series will be on Thursday 23rd June 2011 at Lewisham Leadership and Development College, Kilmorie Road, SE23 2SP from 5.30pm to 7.00pm (refreshments from 5.00pm). These are informal sessions, open to all and free to Lewisham residents and employees.

"The schools White Paper, 'The Importance of Teaching', sets out a radical reform programme for the schools system, with schools freed from the constraints of central Government direction and teachers placed at the heart of school improvement. Drawing heavily on evidence from the world's best education systems, it outlines how we will raise the prestige of the teaching profession, and how we will transform the quality of initial training and continuing professional development. And it commits Government to cutting away unnecessary duties, processes, guidance and requirements."

Taken from the DfE website <u>www.education.gov.uk</u>

The coalition government's education policy has provoked an inordinate amount of public and academic debate. In this lecture Robin Richardson sets out the implications of this policy direction for the least advantaged in our society. Robin is a member of the 'Race Equality Teaching' editorial board and a renowned and influential thinker in the area of equalities.

Robin has written many publications on equality and diversity in education over the last 20 years. He has been a director of the Runnymede Trust and has worked as a consultant for the Department for Education and many local authorities. His two most recent books are *Holding Together: equalities, difference and cohesion* (2009) and *Changing Life Chances: practical projects and endeavours in schools* (2011, forthcoming), both published by Trentham.

To reserve a place at this session please email <u>helen.lucken@lewisham.gov.uk</u>

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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