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# WELCOME

*Dear Leaders,*

Welcome to the AH Summit 2024: Partnerships for Progress! As CEO and MD of Aspiring Heads, we are thrilled to have you here today. In a time where education faces unprecedented challenges, this summit is more than just a gathering—it's a pivotal moment for forging the partnerships that will redefine leadership in our schools and communities.

We have carefully curated today's programme to provide you with fresh insights, new perspectives, and valuable networking opportunities. We hope you leave today not only inspired but armed with actionable strategies and meaningful connections that will propel your leadership forward.

Education is at the heart of everything we do, and together, we have the power to create lasting, positive change for future generations. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

*Enjoy the day, engage fully, and let's make progress together!*

*Warm regards*



**Nadine Bernard**

CEO and Founder, Aspiring Heads

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**Ethan Bernard**

MD and Co-Founder, Aspiring Heads

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### **Kemoy Carlton Walker**

A multi-award-winning community activist with 15+ years of experience working with young people. Recognised by Queen Elizabeth II and former UK Prime Minister David Cameron for his impactful work, Kemoy's vision is to become a headteacher in Jamaica and lead a trust of schools.

 @kemoy.walker

 @kemoywalker

 Kemoy Walker



HOST



MODERATOR

### **Roxanne Lashley Allen**

With nearly two decades of experience in education, Roxanne has held leadership roles, including Acting Co-Headteacher. She now supports middle and senior leaders at a South London school and serves as a Trustee at Education Support.

 Roxanne Lashley Allen



# SCHEDULE

*Learn more about today's event*

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9:00 AM /  
10:00 AM

### Registration & Breakfast

*Check-in and enjoy breakfast.*

10:00 AM /  
10:15 AM

### Welcome & Opening Remarks

**Host: Kemoy Walker**

→ **Special Address: Nadine Bernard**, CEO of Aspiring Heads  
Introduction to the theme of the day: *Partnerships for Progress*.  
*Keynote Speakers*

10:15 AM /  
10:30 AM

### Keynote 1: Harnessing the Power of Community for Lasting Progress

**Speaker: Nav Sanghara**

Nav is the CEO of The Woodland Academy Trust. She is an award-winning educational leader advocating for inclusive leadership. Nav has led systemic reforms in schools for over 15 years, focusing on driving innovation and creating environments where diversity thrives.

✕ @NavSanghara     Nav Sanghara

10:30 AM /  
10:45 AM

### Keynote 2: Empowering Leaders for Systemic Educational Reform

**Speaker: Canon David Hermitt**

David Hermitt, Managing Director of Enjoy Education Services, has over 35 years of experience leading schools and multi-academy trusts. As the founding CEO of a trust that grew from one to eight schools, David has championed racial justice and leadership transformation.

✕ @davidhermitt     David Hermitt

10:45 AM /  
11:00 AM

### Comfort Break

*Refreshments provided.*

11:00 AM /  
11:15 AM

**Keynote 3:** Mentorship in Action: Leading Change Through Collaboration

**Speaker: Francesca Brown**

Francesca is the founder of Goals 4 Girls, an organisation dedicated to empowering young women through sports and education. Her work is known for helping girls develop confidence, leadership, and self-esteem.

 @cesc.brown    Francesca Brown    Goals 4 Girls

11:15 AM /  
11:30 AM

**Keynote 4:** Uniting for Youth Empowerment: Strategic Partnerships

**Speaker: Sayce Holmes-Lewis**

Sayce is the CEO of Mentivity. He leads mentoring initiatives that empower disadvantaged youth by focusing on social mobility, education, and addressing racial inequalities.

 @sayceholmeslewis    Sayce Holmes-Lewis    @sholmeslewis

11:30 AM /  
11:35 AM

**Introduction to Networking**

**Host: Kemoy Walker**

*Tips for making the most of your networking opportunities.*

11:35 AM /  
12:15 PM

**Networking Session**

*Engage with fellow delegates over refreshments.*

12:15 PM /  
1:15 PM

**Lunch Break**

*Enjoy a catered lunch while continuing to network.*

## Carl Reid

Carl is the founder of The Black Society, a mentor, and a youth advocate with over 10 years of experience in education. He is passionate about empowering young people through sports and enrichment activities. As a basketball coach and mentor, Carl has worked with schools and local communities to create safe spaces where young people can develop leadership skills, resilience, and confidence. His focus is on using community hubs and sports to promote positive social change.



 @theblacksociety\_uk  
 @BlackSociety\_UK  
 Carl Reid

## Omena Osivwemu

Omena is a Race Equality Policy Officer, AH Alumni, and former Primary School Teacher with deep expertise in education, anti-racism, and decoloniality. She collaborates with BLAM UK as a Black History Consultant, working on projects that champion culturally responsive education and the mental well-being of Black students. Omena has served as a school governor and is committed to advancing race equality in the education sector, ensuring inclusive and representative learning environments for all students.



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## Johnoi Josephs

Johnoi is a secondary school teacher and co-founder of Black Men Teach. Their viral 2019 social media campaign highlighted the underrepresentation of Black male teachers and inspired a movement for greater inclusion in education. Johnoi is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of Black male students and teachers, fostering positive learning environments that challenge stereotypes. Through Black Men Teach, he advocates for representation, equity, and holistic development in schools, aiming to build a community where Black men thrive in education.



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 @blackmentch

1:30 PM /  
2:30 PM

## WORKSHOPS

**Workshop 1:** Empowering Young People Through Enrichment, Sports, and Community Hubs

**Facilitator: Carl Reid**

> Learn how schools and community hubs can collaborate to build holistic enrichment programmes for young people, fostering resilience and leadership. Expect hands-on strategies that you can implement in your schools right away.

**Workshop 2:** Empowering Black Futures: Strengthening Community and School Alliances

**Facilitators: Omena Osivwemu and BLAM UK Team**

> Discover how schools can partner with Black communities to develop culturally responsive curricula that foster representation and mental well-being for Black students. This session will leave you with practical ideas to take back to your schools.

**Workshop 3:** Empowering Narratives: Building Inclusive Pathways for Black Students

**Facilitators: Johnoi Josephs, co-founder of Black Men Teach**

> This hands-on workshop explores how educators, parents, and community leaders can reclaim Black excellence in education. You will create action plans to address educational inequalities and champion representation in your own settings.

2:45 PM /  
3:30 PM

**Panel Discussion: Building Bridges: The Role of Partnerships in Overcoming Systemic Challenges**

**Host: Roxanne Allen (Moderator)**

*A dynamic conversation with expert panellists:*

- **Naomi Evans** – Co-Founder, Everyday Racism
- **Laura McPhee** – Director of Education, University Schools Trust
- **Hussein Hussein** – CEO and Founder, CAPE Mentors
- **Elaine Cunningham-Walker** – Managing Director of Everythings Education



3:30 PM /  
4:00 PM

### Summation & Call to Action

Host: Kemoy Walker

→ **Closing:** *Nadine Bernard*, CEO of Aspiring Heads  
*Recap key insights and explore future initiatives for Aspiring Heads.*

4:00 PM /  
4:30 PM

### Final Networking Session

*One last opportunity to connect before the event concludes.*

4:30 PM

### Event Close



# KEYNOTE

*Speakers*

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## *Nav Sanghara*

Nav Sanghara, CEO of The Woodland Academy Trust, brings a wealth of experience and passion for education. Starting as a teaching assistant, Nav rose to become a Headteacher in 2012, focusing on ambition, equity, and excellence. She believes that every child deserves an opportunity to succeed and is committed to fostering inclusive learning environments. Nav is also a Trustee at STEP Multi-Academy Trust and actively engages in educational leadership forums, sharing insights on how collaboration drives positive outcomes in schools.

## *David Hermitt*

Canon David Hermitt is the Director of Enjoy Education Services and an education leader with over 35 years of experience. He has held senior roles, including founding CEO of a large Multi-Academy Trust in Cheshire, where he expanded it from one school to eight. David has a proven track record in school improvement, racial justice advocacy, and leadership transformation. A member of the Church of England's General Synod, David continues to influence education, social equity, and systemic change.



## *Francesca Brown*

Francesca Brown, founder of Goals4Girls, is a leading figure in using sport to empower young women. Recognised with the Prince's Trust Pride of Britain Award from HRH King Charles, Francesca has transformed the lives of over 2,600 girls through football and mentorship. A global advocate for sports therapy and mental health, Francesca's collaborations with Adidas, Arsenal, and Sky Sports continue to break barriers for women in sports. Her legacy is immortalised by a statue in her honour, reflecting her dedication to uplifting young women worldwide.



## *Sayce Holmes-Lewis*

Sayce Holmes-Lewis is the CEO of Mentivity, a mentoring organisation focused on education, youth empowerment, racial equity, and social justice. His leadership secured over £1.25 million in 2023 for Mentivity, with collaborations involving global brands like Goldman Sachs, Spotify, and Sky. As the youngest member of MOPAC's London Policing Board, Sayce drives systemic reforms for safer communities. Recognised as Most Inspirational Person of the Year (MBCC Awards, 2022) and one of HSBC UK's Top 25 Black Entrepreneurs to Watch (2024), Sayce's work continues to dismantle systemic inequities and foster inclusive growth.



# PANELLISTS

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## *Naomi Evans*

Naomi Evans is the co-founder and Director of Education for Everyday Racism. With over 20 years of experience in UK state schools, Naomi has held senior leadership positions and currently leads on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in a large secondary school. She is driving national change, advocating for racial literacy training for teachers. Naomi is also the co-author of two books: "The Mixed Race Experience" and "Everyday Action, Everyday Change", aimed at addressing prejudice and inspiring positive change in education.

## *Laura McPhee*

Laura McPhee is the Director of Education at the University Schools Trust and a passionate advocate for educational equity. With a focus on improving schools in deprived areas, Laura has successfully led initiatives to raise standards and improve outcomes. A system leader and keynote speaker, she regularly contributes to education policy and governance discussions, including her work with Lambeth's Safer Children Partnership. Laura's expertise extends to writing and consulting, with a focus on supporting disadvantaged students and promoting social justice.



## *Hussein Hussein*

Hussein Hussein is the CEO and founder of CAPE Mentors, an award-winning charity providing impactful mentoring and tuition. A former primary school teacher and Assistant Headteacher, Hussein is deeply motivated by his own experiences growing up on council estates in Hackney. He has witnessed the effects of poverty on education and is passionate about creating opportunities for young people through his work with CAPE Mentors.





*Elaine Cunningham-Walker* 

Managing Director of Everythings Education, Elaine has a wealth of experience in education and talent management. She has won numerous awards for her impact, working both in the UK and internationally. Elaine's focus is on sourcing talent and creating opportunities for young people, ensuring they have the tools needed for academic and personal success.

*We are honoured to have such an esteemed group of speakers and panellists, and we hope that today's sessions provide you with valuable insights and new connections. Thank you for being part of the AH Summit 2024, and we look forward to creating a future of progress together.*



# EXHIBITORS

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## *Kids Black History and KBH Classroom*



### **Founder: Keighley Douglas**

Keighley Douglas is the visionary founder of Kids Black History and KBH Classroom. She is dedicated to educating young minds about the contributions of Black people throughout history. Her platforms provide engaging, multimedia resources that bring Black history to life in UK classrooms, empowering students and promoting inclusive education.

Kids Black History @kidsblkhistory @kidsblackhistory @kidsblackhistory Kids Black History

## *BLAM UK*



**BLAM UK** (Black Learning Achievement and Mental Health) is dedicated to improving the mental health and well-being of people of African descent and promoting culturally responsive education. They provide educational resources that champion Black British cultural capital and creativity. At the summit, BLAM UK will also be selling books as part of their mission to enrich education and support Black communities.

BLAM Charity @BLAMCharity @blamcharity



## *The SLT Podcast*

*The School Leadership Talking* podcast focuses on issues and trends in school leadership and education. Hosted by Black senior leaders *Rena Johnson, Jordon Crawford, and Ziggy Moore*, it offers insights into educational policy, leadership strategies, and student well-being. With interviews from educational experts and school leaders, the podcast shares practical advice for those involved in education.



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SLT Podcast

## *Share Your Journey*

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION:

Use the hashtag **#AH2024** and **#AHSummit24** to share your thoughts, experiences, and key takeaways. Let's build momentum for partnerships in education that drive lasting change.

**Tag us to keep the dialogue going!**

## *Stay Connected:*

Follow us for updates and insights from today's summit! We're on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn—let's keep the conversation alive.

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### **Share Your Progress:**

Tell us how today's summit inspired you! Post your commitments to educational leadership using **#PartnershipsForProgress** and tag us so we can amplify your voice.

### **Reels & Stories:**

Capture moments from today's workshops, keynote speeches, and networking sessions. Use the hashtags **#FutureOfLeadership**, **#EducationalEquity** and **#ConnectAndCollaborate** to show your journey and insights from the summit.

### **Continue Learning:**

Did you learn something new today? Follow and connect with today's keynote speakers and panellists on LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram to continue learning from their expertise!

## *A Special Thanks*

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible communications, events, and design team for their hard work and dedication in making the AH Summit 2024 a success. Your creativity, organisation, and attention to detail have been invaluable in bringing this event to life.

