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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Professor Iram Siraj-Blatchford, Institute of Education, University of London

The Long Term Impact of Home, Early Education and School on Achievement and Disadvantage

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Professor Iram Siraj-Blatchford is one of the world's leading researchers in the field of early childhood education. She is a specialist early years advisor to governments and ministers in the UK and overseas and has provided evidence to a number of House of Commons Select Committees. She has been, by public appointment over the last 6 years, the early childhood specialist on the Ministerial Advisory Group for Education in Wales. Professor Siraj-Blatchford has advised and provided evidence for a number of international agencies including the World Bank, UNESCO, UNICEF and the Aga Khan Foundation.

Professor Siraj-Blatchford's presentation will examine the contribution of early education in ameliorating the effects of disadvantage in later life. She will demonstrate how the findings from the UK Effective Pre-School, Primary and Secondary Education (EPPSE) study 1997-2014 show the inter-relationship between disadvantage and child developmental outcomes. The presentation will explore the intersection and articulation of influences including those of parenting, early home environments, pre-school, primary and some secondary school influences. Only a longitudinal follow up of the kind EPPSE has provided of over 3000 children and their families can demonstrate such patterns and what might support or constrain the outcomes of disadvantaged communities. Professor Siraj-Blatchford will pay special attention to some of the policy implications for those aspiring to deal with issues of social mobility and how to most effectively apply funding for a fairer society through a fairer education system, particularly for those children and parents who have multiple disadvantages.

Introduced by Professor Jeff Borland, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne and chief investigator on the Children's Protection Society's Early Years Research Project (eyerp.org)

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