

CONVERSATION GUIDE



Thank you for being part of the Big Education Conversation! We've created this simple guide to help you get talking about what education should really be for and how it should change for the future.

You don't need to use this guide, any conversation about the future of education can be a Big Education Conversation, but here are some ideas to get you started.

OUR TOP TIPS FOR A GOOD CHAT:

CHOOSE WHERE TO START

Use the menu of questions to spark a thought-provoking discussion with the people in your life (e.g. friends, family, colleagues). There are three parts, for each one simply pick the question(s) that most interest you and see where the conversation goes.



SHARE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS

Listen closely and be curious about different opinions. You don't all need to agree!

FINALLY, FEED INTO THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION

by visiting our website or engaging on social media to join the wider discussion on the future of education.





STARTING WITH YOU

Who was/is your favourite teacher, and why?

Think of someone you went to school with whose experience was very different to your own. Why was that?

What is the difference between your parents' education and your own?

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ABOUT LEARNING

What is one thing you wish you had learned at school? Why didn't you learn it?

Beyond the classroom, where or when have you learned the most in your life?

What's the biggest change you'd like to see in education?

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LOOKING FORWARD

What do you think education should really be for?

Looking at the different purposes below, what do you think is most important?

- Understanding and taking care of yourself and others
- Enjoying learning and becoming a good learner for life
- Academic success and getting qualifications
- Preparation for the world of work
- Getting a good understanding of society and the world
- Other - suggest your own purpose!

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HAVE THIS IMPORTANT CONVERSATION.

It's going to take all our voices and ideas to rethink education. To get more people talking:

- Share a snapshot of the conversation you've had on social media - the people, the place or a thought - with #BigEdConvo
- Let others know they can join in too at bigeducationconversation.org
- And head there too to put your conversation on the national map



If you closed your eyes to imagine, what would your dream school be like?

