

Reimagining Practice

Expanding Horizons for children and young people
with physical disability



pdnet National Conference 2023

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Annamarie Hassell MBE - nasen

Annamarie Hassall is Chief Executive of nasen – the national association for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) which champions, connects and supports those working in the education community – from the early years to schools, post-16, specialist schools and wider settings, with and for children and young people with SEND and learning differences.

Annamarie has held local, national and government advisory roles that span the breadth of education, children's social care, early years and SEND.

Harriet Marshall - LYFTA

Dr Harriet Marshall is Director of Education Impact at Lyfta and has worked in the field of global education over 20 years as a teacher, researcher, consultant and project leader. Harriet has a PhD in the movement for global learning (Cambridge, 2005), and has published and presented on global citizenship education, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, intergenerational learning and sustainable wellbeing nationally and internationally. Harriet is a founding ambassador of the global educator movement #TeachSDGs, was a National Leader on the Global Learning Programme, and is a Fellow of the RSA.

Clair Warner - Redbridge

Clair is currently one of the Managers of S.E.a.T.S.S.- which is one of the largest LA Advisory services in the UK. based in east London managing a team of over 100 specialist teachers, HLTAs etc supporting over 100 schools.

Clair's background lies working with PD and the most complex students, with real passions for students who have Dystrophy, Epilepsy, and Dyspraxia. Clair works for Action Duchenne, and annually is a keynote speaker looking at how education can support students with MD. Clair also lectures on PGCE courses, ensuring that all new teachers have a good understanding of PD and SEND needs.

Rachel Smith-Ruffle - The Wonky Artist

Following an accident at the age of 23, Rachel was left with a spinal injury and faced the rest of her life in a wheelchair. Her injury also meant she cannot move her fingers. Twenty years on, in 2018, Rachel developed a pressure sore which meant she had to be on complete bed rest. Naturally this brought Rachel really down as she needed to find a different purpose, she started painting, lying on her side in bed and had to hold the brush two-handed. She had to turn her story around and is now an international artist. The Wonky Artist is a story of resilience over adversity and an individual painting style.

Joanna Fashan and Nicola Moody - WhizzKids

Jo has been with Whizz-Kidz for eight years both in a delivery and leadership capacity. Jo leads the recently formed Engagement & Policy Team, the team is responsible for sharing the voice of young wheelchair users and campaigning for change in areas including NHS wheelchair provision, transport, education and employment.

Nicola has worked with children and young people in a professional and voluntary context for just over 20 years. She is currently the Service Delivery Manager for the North of England For Whizz-Kidz, managing activity programmes, wheelchair skills training and employability offer in the region. She leads nationally in the development and delivery of the wheelchair skills training programme and has recently been part of the team who gained centre status with the Skills & Education Group.

Monique Dior Jarrett - Stopgap Dance Company

Monique Dior Jarrett is a Model, Body positive activist, Influencer, Models of Diversity Ambassador, one of five company Directors of TripleC and a wheelchair dancer who is a National and International Champion who performed with the company in 2021 at the Paralympic Team GB Homecoming Celebration. Monique has worked as a supporting artist on Hollyoaks and some BBC TV series. She has featured in national advertising campaigns including: Pharmacy2U, Facebook, Northern Rail, Daily Paper, Dove, Refinery29 and more.

Above all Monique is passionate about changing the narrative of people with disabilities, educating and supporting others and true representation in the media. So that in the future peoples talents are recognised before anything else.

Agenda

09:45am - 10:00am	Call opens
10:00am - 11:00am	Annamarie Hassell
11:05am - 12:00pm	Harriet Marshall
12:00pm - 12:30pm	pdnet showcase
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Clair Warner
1:50pm - 2:10pm	Rachel Smith Ruffle
2:15pm - 3:00pm	Joanna Fashan and Nicola Moody
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Monique Dior Jarrett
3:30pm	Depart

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