



# Worshipful Company of Educators

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## Opportunity NOTS

### Education for Life Chances?



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Franklin Lecture – from 2001 to 2020

### Master Educator’s Annual Educators’ City of London Lecture – 6 March 2020

Professor Becky Francis, recently appointed Chief Executive of the Education Endowment Foundation, is delivering the Annual City of London Lecture for the Worshipful Company of Educators. Her area of expertise is disadvantage in the UK social systems and the power of the privileged. The 2020 Franklin Lecture is :

### **‘Education for Life Chances : ensuring all students can access high-quality education’**

Pam Taylor, Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators said:

*‘We are excited to welcome Becky Francis to give the Franklin Lecture. She is a powerful force in the UK Education World and will give great insights into increasing access to opportunities through education based on her research into gender, race and social class. This Franklin Lecture held every year since 2001, will be a highlight of my year as Master, as it pulls together many of the central themes of my series of six Master’s Seminars on the subject of Education for Life. ’*

Professor Becky Francis said:

*“Improving life chances for the most disadvantaged children means making sure all pupils have access to a great education, from the early years to post-16. Yet too often we see similar schools serving similar communities achieve very different results for their pupils. It is usually the poorest pupils who lose out.”*

*“The surest way to create an education system that gives every child in every part of the country a great start in life is to make more and better use of evidence. This means robust, independent, cumulative evidence-gathering of the highest standard.”*

The 2020 Franklin Lecture is to be held at The Painters’ Hall, home of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers, on Friday 6 March starting at 6pm. It is followed by a Company Dinner.

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## Notes to Editors

### **1\_ The Worshipful Company of Educators**

The Worshipful Company of Educators was the 109th Livery Company to be granted this status by the City of London, in 2013. It was founded as a Guild in 2001 within the philanthropic tradition of the City of London livery companies. It provides a forum through meetings and social occasions to bring together members from all parts of the education world to discuss and exchange views on matters of topical interest. The Educators Trust Fund - Charity Reg. No. 1104355 - provides Awards and Bursaries to recognise, promote and reward good practice. It has recently had a focus on three areas - Prison Education, Hospital Education and Armed Forces Training.

### **2\_ Master Educator Pam Taylor**

Pam Taylor qualified in Drama and Education at the Rose Bruford College. She then completed a BA Honours in English and American Literature at the University of Kent. Her long teaching career culminated in the post of Head of English at Bromley High School. She is currently Chair of English Examiners at Pearson Edexcel, and has worked in the UK and internationally as examiner, trainer, writer, scrutineer and consultant. She has written several Language and Literature textbooks and many teaching resources.

### **3\_ The Painter's Hall**

The Hall of the Painter-Stainers is on the site of the original 1375 'Paynters' Hall' first described as such in 1549. The current building was rebuilt after substantial war damage in 1961. The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers is one of the longest established former trade associations in the City of London, which now supports fine art and decorative art through patronage, education and prizes for art.

### **4\_ Professor Becky Francis, Chief Executive, Education Endowment Foundation**

Becky Francis joined the Education Endowment Foundation in early 2020 after a period as Director of the world-class University College London Institute of Education. She is an expert on social identities and educational attainment, including gender, race and social class. Her new organisation is an independent charity established in 2011 to improve the educational attainment of the poorest pupils in English Schools. Charity Reg No 1142111

### **5\_ The Franklin Lecture**

Like many of the City Livery Companies, the Worshipful Company of Educators provides an annual showcase lecture for members and guests from education and the wider community, given by a prestigious speaker. The Lecture is named after Professor Raoul Franklin, the first Master and Vice-Chancellor of City University for 20 years.

**Image available on request :** 1996 x 3000 300dpi *credit : David Tett*

**Professor Francis is available for interviews**

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## The Franklin Lectures 2001 - 2020

Date	Topic	Lecturer
November 2001	GCE Advanced Levels and the Gold Standard	Sir William Stubbs
November 2002	Globalisation, the Knowledge Economy, the Role of Business and Higher Education	Dame Judith Mayhew
November 2003	Equality, Effectiveness and Efficiency in Education	Professor Alan Smithers
November 2004	What about the other 50 per cent?	Chris Humphries
November 2005	Leadership in Education: the Case of Vice-Chancellors	Professor Glynis Breakwell
November 2006	Making Mathematics Count	Professor Adrian Smith
November 2007	Education: the Making of a Researcher?	Dame Julia Higgins FRS
December 2008	Well being and Standards	Dr Anthony Seldon
December 2009	Creativity, the Brain, Multiple Intelligences< Pioneers, Mind Maps, Systems and Teachers	Tony Buzan
November 2010	Science and Religion	Rt Revd Dr Thomas Butler
November 2011	University Technical Colleges	Lord Kenneth Baker
November 2012	Developing Higher Education in a New Era	Professor Sir Robert Burgess
November 2013	Making Education Work	Sir John Armit
November 2014	Myth and Memory: 40 Remembering the real First World War	Professor Sir Deian Hopkin
November 2015	Librarians as Teachers	Richard Ovenden
November 2016	Moving towards excellent education: the story of the London Challenge	Rt Hon Charles Clarke
November 2017	<i>No lecture because of move to Spring</i>	
February & March 2018	A series of Franklin Debates	City & Guilds of London Institute
February 2019	What have mathematicians done for us?	Professor Chris Budd
March 2020	Education for Life Chances	Professor Becky Francis