

LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

Date: 25th September 2025

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From: Joanne Grima – CEO

To the attention of: Heads of School

Subject: Head-to-Head Encounter Cooperative Schools: A Way Forward?

Application Link: [Head-to-Head Encounter](#)

Registration Deadline: 10th October 2025

The Institute for Education is organising the second Head-to-Head Encounter entitled '*Cooperative Schools: A Way Forward?*' on **Thursday 23rd October** at the IfE Campus in Pembroke. The seminar aims to bring together educational leaders to explore the concept of Cooperative Schools from both a theoretical and a practical perspective. It will seek to understand experiences of cooperative schools in other countries whilst exploring possibilities within the local context. Educational leaders at all levels, and in all sectors, are cordially invited to attend: Directors, Service Managers, HCNs, Heads of Schools, EOs, Deputy Heads, HODs. The invitation is also extended to teachers who would like to take up a leadership role and/or would like to see Cooperative Schools a feasible reality in schools.

This theme will be explored together with Professor Tom Woodin, a Professor of the Social History of Education at the University College London, IOE. Tom is a historian with interests in the social history of learning, learners, social movements co-operation and everyday life. His work explores education and learning in relation to broader social, economic, cultural and political changes and inequalities across the boundaries of history and the humanities, education and social sciences. Before embarking on his academic career, Tom worked in adult literacy, community publishing, voluntary organisations and co-operatives.

The following is the programme:

8:15 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome Speech by Ms Joanne Grima CEO Institute for Education
8:45 – 9:00	Programme Description
9:00 – 9:45	Keynote – Prof Tom Woodin (University College London)
9:45 – 10:00	Questions and Discussion
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:45	Break-out rooms
11:45 – 12:00	Break
12:00 – 12:45	Rapporteurs
12:45 – 13:00	Concluding remarks
13:00	Light Lunch

Please complete [the form](#) by **10th October 2025**.

Thank you for your kind attention and we look forward to seeing you at the seminar.

Joanne Grima

CEO Institute for Education