



# 'The Cutting Edge' - Pushing Back the Boundaries in Special Education

at Swiss Cottage School, London

Dedicated to the memory of Michael Stokes -  
a very special teenager, Dublin, Ireland



## Programme Day One

Thursday, 29 November 2018

Main Presenter - **Flo Longhorn**

Call & Response! Minstrel for the day is **Keith Park**

9 30 am	<b>Welcome and Overview: Flo Longhorn</b> Dedication of the Forum to a very special teenager, Michael Stokes, Dublin, Ireland
9 50 am	'Developing thinking and maths skills for very special learners' - <b>Les Staves</b> , Senior Consultant and Author
10 30 am	'Tweaking and engaging the visual environment for special learners' - <b>Jane Thistlethwaite</b> , Engagement4Learning Programme, Fellow, Birmingham University
11 00 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11 20 am	'Simplifying assessment evidencing' - <b>Andrew Douglas</b> , Education Manager, Council for Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI, 'Quest for Learning'
12 10 pm	'Quantifying the subjective: smoke and mirrors or the best of both worlds?' - <b>Dr Richard Gamman</b> , John Fielding School, Lincs.
12 50 pm	<b>Bubbles!</b> - book launch for new books from <b>Joanna Grace</b> and <b>Les Staves</b>
13 00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Sarah Hall</b> and <b>Beverley Williams</b> (Willows Sensory Service) conduct a <b>Pop-up Workshop</b> during lunch along with <b>Clare Hobson</b> , Ysgol Crug Glas, Swansea
13 40 pm	'Call and Response, Please!' - <b>Keith Park</b> , Drama Guru in Special Education
13 50 pm	'Communicating with special teenagers - hair, moods, sweats and sex' - <b>Helen Dunman</b> , Chailey Heritage School
14 30 pm	'Sensory engagement for mental health' - <b>Joanna Grace</b> , The Sensory Project
15 00 pm	<b>Comfort break</b>
15 10 pm	'Room to improve: The primary language curriculum. A journey towards inclusive language and communication for all' - <b>Rachel Markey</b> , National Council for Special Education, Special Education Assistant Coordinator, Ireland
15 50 pm	'Intrinsic or extrinsic? What is the question?' - <b>Flo Longhorn</b> and <b>Clare Hobson</b> , Ysgol Crug Glas, Swansea
16 10 pm	Closure for Day One - <b>Flo Longhorn</b>
16 15 pm	<b>Close and Safe Journey home!</b>

**Admin and Dogsbodies: Roger Longhorn and Alison Pettitt**

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9 30 am	<b>Overview and Introduction - Flo Longhorn</b>
9 40 am	A smashing sensory story from <b>Pete Wells</b> , Practitioner, Very Unique Sensory Story Resources, Sunderland
9 50 am	'When children with PMLD shine - encouraging playfulness in children with profound impairments' - <b>Debby Watson</b> , Independent Researcher
10 30 am	'Using the engagement tools to deliver sensory stories' - <b>Beverley Cockbill</b> , CLDD Coordinator/Trainer, Chadsgrove School, Birmingham
11 05 am	'Making outcomes more meaningful for PMLD learners - research', <b>Andrew Colley</b> , University of East London
11 15 am	<b>Break</b>
11 40 am	'The power of touch' - <b>Sarah Hall</b> , Willows Sensory Service, Birmingham
12 15 pm	'Rude, naughty but nice - Exploring the rationale and then deconstructing sensory stories' - <b>Pete Wells</b>
12 50 pm	'Mindful Little Yogis' - <b>Nicola Harvey</b> , Special Needs Teacher, Author, Yoga Guru
13 00 pm	<b>Lunch and Bubbles!</b> for Nicola Harvey book launch <b>Sarah Hall, Beverley Williams and Lucy Allen - Pop-up Workshops</b> during lunch
13 40 pm	'Stressed out? Burnt out? Remedial laughter remedies' - <b>Katie Rose White</b> , Laughter Facilitator and Founder of Best Medicine
14 10 pm	'Spirits in the sky' - <b>Fiona O'Dwyer &amp; Ann Higgins</b> , St Michaels House Special Schools, Dublin, Ireland, with <b>Flo Longhorn</b>
14 40 pm	'Inner strength Boxes - self regulation for all' - <b>Beverley Cockbill</b>
14 55 pm	<b>Short break</b>
15 05 pm	'Breaking down barriers at Chailey Heritage School' - <b>Julie Tilbury and Meriel Green</b> , Very Special Teachers
15 50 pm	Conclusions at the end of the day - <b>Flo Longhorn</b>
16 00 pm	<b>Close and Safe Journey Home!</b>

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