



**Delegate
Welcome Pack**

London SEND Inclusion & Learning Conference

Thursday 9th July 2026

9:30am to 15:15pm

Arrivals from 9:00am

Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1

9AG

Registration in the Battlebridge Room

Welcome

Dear colleague,

Thank you for confirming your attendance at the first London SEND Inclusion & Learning Conference, hosted by the London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LIIA).

This conference has been designed as a dynamic, practice-focused event, bringing together education leaders, practitioners and partners from across London to share expertise, build meaningful connections and strengthen inclusive approaches to teaching and learning.

Drawing on the work of schools participating in the LIIA Investing in Inclusion Programme (2025-26), the day will celebrate innovative and impactful approaches to SEND inclusion from across the capital. Through a series of keynote presentations, panel discussions and workshops led by local area partners, school leaders and sector experts, we will explore how collaboration and shared learning can drive meaningful change for children and young people.

As you will see from the agenda, we have an exciting and inspiring programme planned. This delegate pack includes everything you need to make the most of the day, including practical information about the venue and the full conference agenda.

Throughout the day, delegates will also have the opportunity to visit our Marketplace, featuring over 30 exhibitors representing local authorities, schools and partner organisations from across London. The Marketplace has been designed to encourage networking, showcase innovative practice and provide opportunities to share ideas, resources and approaches that support inclusive education.

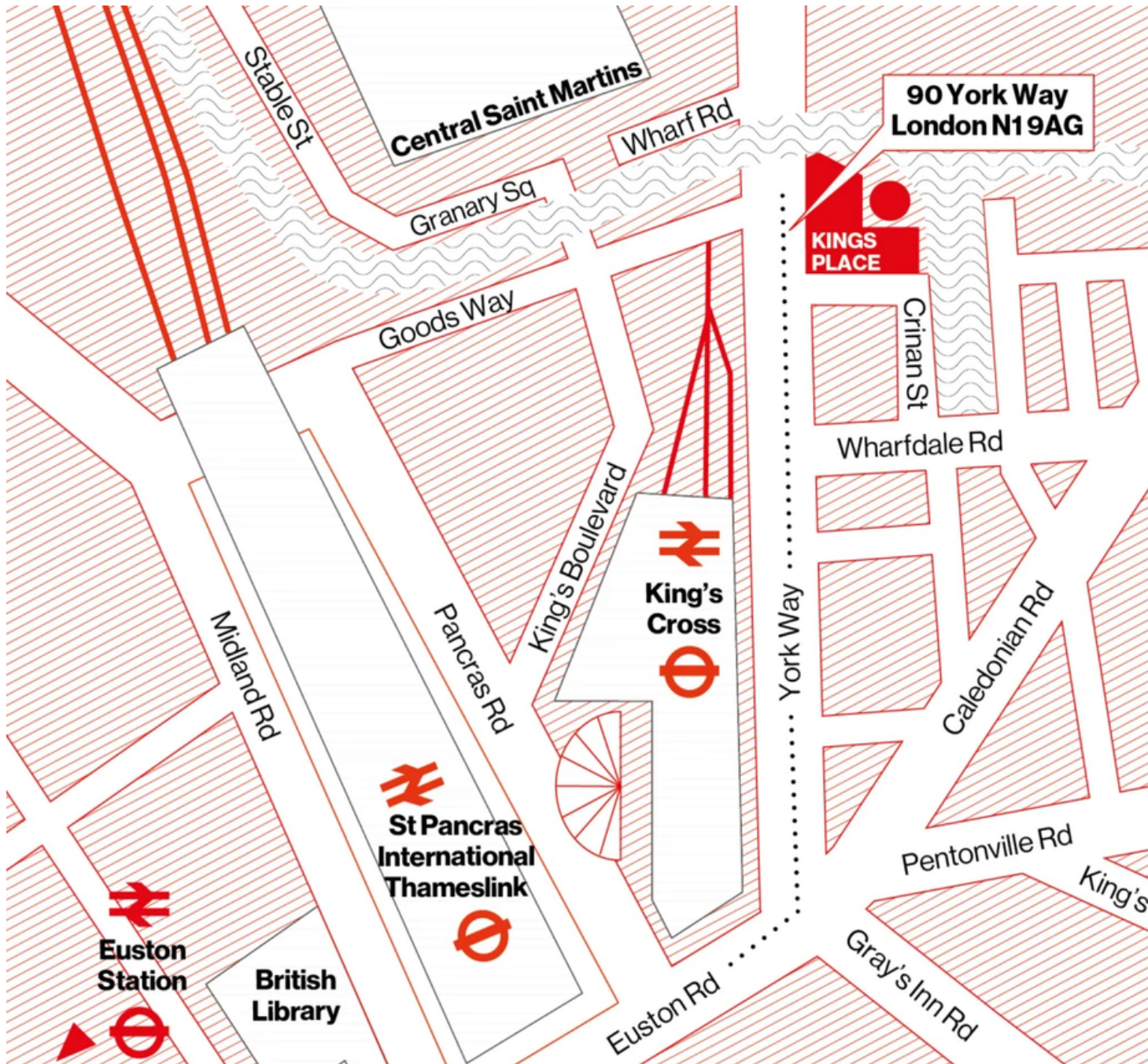
We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 9 July from 9.00am for what promises to be an engaging and inspiring day of learning, reflection and collaboration.

Should you require any further information in advance of the conference, please do not hesitate to contact the London Innovation and Improvement Alliance team. on administrator@liia.london.

How to find us

Kings Place is situated just a few minutes' walk from King's Cross and St Pancras stations, one of the most connected locations in London and now the biggest transport hub in Europe.

Our address is:
90 York Way, London, N1 9AG.



Public Transport

The [Transport for London Journey Planner](#) provides live travel updates and options on how to reach Kings Place quickly and accurately. You may also call London Travel Information on 020 7222 1234.

Access via other modes of Transport

Details on accessing the venue via Bus, Car, Bike or Foot are available via the [Kings Place website](#).

AGENDA (Morning)

This conference has been designed as interactive experience, bringing together education, inclusion and SEND leaders from London and beyond. Throughout the day, delegates are free to move between keynote presentations, panel discussions, workshops and the Marketplace. There will be continuous opportunities for learning, networking and collaboration.

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- 9:00 am: Arrival**
Exhibitors and market place arrival from 8:00am.
 - 9:30 - 9:40am, Hall**
Welcome: London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LiiA)
Frank Offer (Head of SEND, LiiA)
Andy Higgs (SEND Inclusion and Learning Programme Manager, LiiA)
 - 9:40 - 10:15am, Hall**
Key note 1: Five Acre Wood School (Shortlisted in the Top 10 schools in the world for the 2026 World's Best School Prize for Innovation)

Peggy Murphy (Principal, Five Acre Wood School)
Tim Williams (Headteacher, Loose Site - Five Acre Wood School)
Kirstie Hemingway (Headteacher, Satellite Sites - Five Acre Wood School)
 - 10:15 - 10:30am, Hall**
Key Note 2: "Our Inclusion Journey"
Louise Ritchie (School Effectiveness Partner, London Diocesan Board for Schools).
 - 10:45 - 11:00 am, Hall**
LiiA Workshop: SEND Workforce Discussion
Rula Tripolitaki (Head of Delivery and Workforce Programme Lead, LiiA)
 - 11:15: 11:30 am, Hall**
Key Note 3: "The Double Disadvantage"
Charlotte O'Regan (Schools Engagement Manager, The Sutton Trust)
 - 11:30 - 11:45 am, Hall**
Key Note 4: "Inclusion in London Schools"
Caroline Dawes (Associate Director - Children, Young People and Community, London Councils)
 - 12:00 - 12:30pm**
Lunch

Key



Keynotes



LiiA led sessions



Panel
Discussions



Arrival and lunch

AGENDA (Afternoon)



1:00 - 1:30pm, Hall

Local Authority Leaders Panel Discussion: 'Investing in Inclusion'

Representatives from London Borough of Havering

Representatives from London Borough of Enfield

Representatives from London Borough of Hillingdon

Representatives from London Borough of Lewisham

Representatives from London Borough of Wandsworth

Chair - Kirsty Reed (Programme Lead - SEND Innovation & Support, LiiA)



1:45 - 1:55pm, Hall

LiiA Workshop: Commissioning for SEND Reform and Schools White Paper Q&A

Catherine Kane (Programme Lead - SEND Resources and Commissioning, LiiA)



2:00 - 2:30 pm, Hall

School Leaders Panel Discussion: 'Investing in Inclusion'

Greenford High School (Gurvinder Nayyar - Inclusion Lead)

Hallfield Primary School (Aaron Sumner - Co-Executive Headteacher)

William Byrd Primary (Nicola Edwards - Headteacher)

Houndsfield Primary School (Robert Jenkin - Headteacher)

Young Giants (Jaime Johnson - Founder)

Chair - Andy Higgs (SEND Inclusion and Learning Programme Manager, LiiA)



3:00pm, Hall

Summary and Closing remarks



Visit the Marketplace Throughout the Day

Explore 30+ exhibitors from schools, local authorities and partner organisations across London. Discover innovative and inclusive practice, share ideas and connect with practitioners throughout the day.

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Meet Our Exhibitors!

Alongside our keynote sessions and workshops, we encourage delegates to explore our Marketplace throughout the day. Featuring over 30 exhibitors from schools, local authorities and partner organisations across London, the Marketplace provides an opportunity to discover innovative and inclusive practice, share ideas and connect directly with the practitioners leading this work on the ground.

Hear how inclusive practice works in action!

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Safeguarding Adolescents
in London (SAIL)

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Pan-London Data and
Insight

The Sutton Trust

**London Borough of
Havering**

**London Borough of
Enfield**

**London Borough of
Hillingdon**

**London Borough of
Lewisham**

**London Borough of
Wandsworth**

**Suffolks Primary
School**

**Gainsborough
Primary School**

**Young Giants
Education**

**Holy Trinity Primary
School**

**Furzedown Primary
School & Allfarthing
Primary School**

**William Byrd
Primary School**

**The Excelsior
Academy**

**Houndsfield Primary
School**

**Hallfield Primary
School**

**Capella House
School**

**St Albans Primary and
Nursery School & Monken
Hadley CE Primary School**

**St Barnabas, St
Phillips & St Marys**

**St Johns Halem
Green & Christ
Church Hampsted**

**Holy Trinity Swiss
Cottage & St.Mary
Bryanston Square**

**Christchurch
Queensbury &
Christchurch Edware**

**Little Forest Folk
Chiswick**

**Christchurch
Harrow**

**HRUC & Greenford
High School**

**St.John's Walham
Green and Ark
Globe Academy**

Brimsdown Primary

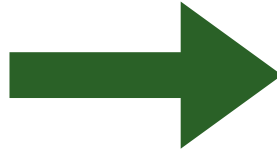
**Cromer Road
Primary School**

**Beavers Lodge
Playgroup**

Summit Resources

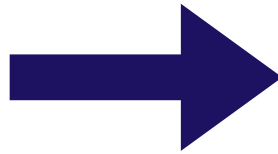
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**Conference
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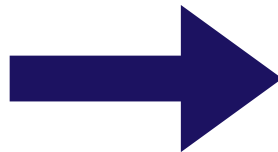
Access the online Delegate Pack for essential summit resources and the
latest updates from LIIA.

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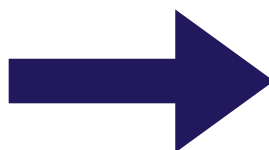
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Spotlight
Digital Area**



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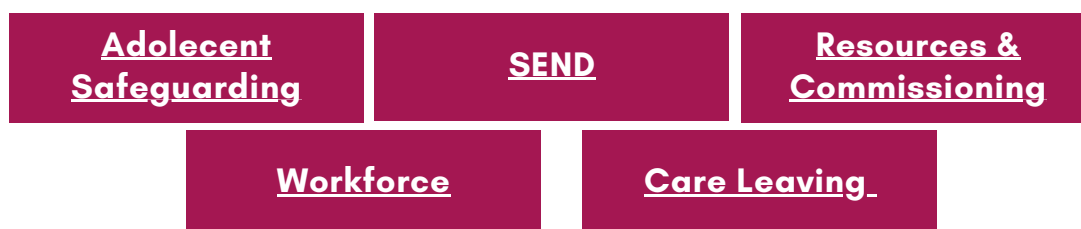


We are LIIA – the London Innovation & Improvement Alliance.

We exist to improve outcomes for London’s children and young people by connecting strategy, practice, reform and collaboration across the whole system. Hosted by London Councils, LIIA is the capital’s Regional Improvement and Innovation Alliance (RIIA). We work across borough boundaries and alongside national partners to ensure London not only responds to reform but helps shape and lead it.

One System, Shared Priorities

On behalf of ALDCS, LIIA is progressing five priority areas in response to the key challenges facing the children’s sector:



LIIA’s role is to support alignment across these areas – ensuring that work in one priority informs and strengthens the others, and that London takes a coordinated approach to reform and improvement.

[LIIA’s Annual Plan](#) represents the ambition of the Association of London Directors of Children’s Services to tackle the most pressing issues facing London’s children and young people, their families, and the diverse workforce that serves them.

Purpose

LIIA exists to:

- Make a **positive impact for children**, particularly those with the greatest need
- Contribute to **financial sustainability through collaboration and innovation**
- Amplify the **voice of London’s children and young people**
- Support a **culture of shared learning, challenge and problem-solving**
- Enable **shared intelligence** to inform decision-making
- Provide **governance structures** that help London boroughs work effectively together

Core Activities and Enablers

Across all priorities, LIIA:

- Supports the **implementation of national social care & SEND reforms** in London
- Enables **sector-led improvement, peer challenge and review**
- **Facilitates collaboration** across boroughs, boards and partners
- Embeds **racial equity and addresses disproportionality**
- Strengthens **data and insight** to support collective decision-making
- Develops a **stable and sustainable operating model** to deliver ALDCS ambitions

LIIA brings London Local Authorities and Partners together to respond to shared challenges in a coordinated and practical way – recognising that lasting improvement depends on connection across the whole children’s system.

While the outline below highlights specific activity within the ALDCS SEND Programme, we recognise that children and young people with SEND interact with all service areas and priority programmes listed above. SEND does not sit in isolation, it is closely connected to safeguarding, workforce, commissioning, care leaving and wider system reform. We therefore encourage delegates to explore the links to each priority area and the full Annual Plan to understand the breadth of work underway across London and how these strands connect to support better outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

OUR NEWSLETTERS

LIIA produces several newsletters to keep partners updated. You can read these on our website or click the below links to access the latest editions:



[**SEND Bulletin**](#) (July Issue)

[**Workforce Newsletter**](#) (June Issue)

[**Resources and Commissioning Bulletin**](#) (June Issue)

[**Adolescent Safeguarding and Youth Justice Newsletter**](#) (March Issue)

MEMBERS AREA ACCESS

Should you wish to [you can click here to register for access](#) to our dedicated Members Areas. Please note that this is a restricted area and there is an approval process.

GET IN TOUCH

Please visit our website: liia.london for more detailed information on each of the ALDCS priorities, or contact the team directly to discuss anything in greater detail.

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