

# Slow Burn Leadership:

The quest for effective collaboration and system coherence  
in East Anglia



**Professor  
Stuart Kime**



**Sir  
David Carter**



**Cat  
Scutt**



**Sean  
Harford**

Thursday 20 June 2019, 8.30am to 3.45pm, Norwich

Join school and system leaders from across East Anglia at this conference, exploring the implications of schools being truly evidence-informed, whilst realising the benefits of partnership working in the era of Multi-Academy Trusts.

Everyone leading or supporting schools would claim to be evidence-informed, but the use of research evidence by schools and providers risks being 'skin deep' unless we reflect on how we implement and evaluate change in schools. At the same time, school leaders face a quest to reconnect with the wider education system in order to realise the benefits of partnership working, following the rush to convert and form Trusts.

This Research Schools' conference brings together school and system leaders from across East Anglia, to explore the benefits and challenges of **Slow-Burn Leadership**: doing less, better. It also considers 'what next' for inter-MAT partnership work, reviewing case studies of MATs, Research Schools and Teaching Schools working together to improve pupil outcomes at scale.

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### Keynote speakers:



#### Professor Stuart Kime

##### Director of Education, Evidence Based Education

At EBE Stuart oversees design and delivery of programmes including the BETT award shortlisted Assessment Lead Programme. Stuart has a long association with the EEF, authoring the Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress guide, and co-authoring the DIY Evaluation guide. Stuart's talk will focus on how to fully realise the benefits of being an evidence-informed leader, through effective Implementation and Evaluation.



#### Sir David Carter

##### Executive Director of System Leadership at Ambition School Leadership and Institute of Teaching

A former National Schools Commissioner, David joined the newly-merged ASL and IFT as executive director, providing support for executive heads, chief executives and governors. He is currently working on a new model of MAT review, as part of a wider drive to see MATs working effectively together. David's talk will focus on how MATs can work together in the interests of raising outcomes for pupils.



#### Sean Harford

##### National Director, Education at Ofsted

Before joining Ofsted, Sean was a teacher and successful senior leader in East Anglia, as well as an adviser for a local authority. In his current role, Sean has been very active in dispelling myths about Ofsted inspections. In light of the revised inspection framework, Sean's talk will focus on how his organisation views the use of evidence by schools, addressing perceived risks of Ofsted focusing on this aspect of practice.

### Format for the day (£100 including parking, refreshments, lunch):

- **Keynote:** Professor Stuart Kime
- **Posters and refreshments:** Norwich schools on their evidence-based practice
- **Keynote:** Sir David Carter
- **Workshops:** Teaching Schools from Norfolk and Suffolk: learning and legacy from SSIF
- **Lunch:** opportunity to interact with EBE, ASL, Research Schools and Teaching Schools
- **Panel discussion:** Cat, David, Sean, Stuart, and Dr Richard Kueh, Inspiration Trust
- **Closing keynote:** Sean Harford

### Who is this conference designed for?

The East Anglian Research Schools ([#TeamEast](#) [#easternevidence](#)), in association with Evidence Based Education, invite MAT CEOs, Headteachers, Senior Leaders, NLEs, SLEs, NLGs, Teaching School Leads, LA/Diocesan Leads to participate.