

**John Swinney - Keynote**

Deputy First Minister of Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.

**Hywel Roberts - Keynote**

There are many reasons why Hywel is one of the most in-demand educational speakers around and why he is so much more than the self-styled 'man in the Matalan suit'.

For one, he is an incredibly witty and entertaining speaker, as much at home in front of a group of ten-year-olds in a special school as he is a large audience of teachers. He has that rare talent of being able to tell stories that both make you laugh and make you cry, often at the same time, combining his wide experience in all sorts of classrooms with all sorts of children with an academic insight into engagement, motivation, teaching and learning.

He also knows his way around even the most challenging of classrooms.

It is his ability to 'trick' children and young people into learning that led to the naming of his hugely popular first book *Oops! Helping children learn accidentally*.

We guarantee that after time spent with Hywel you will be, in his own words, 'proper buzzing'.

**David Cameron – Conference Chair**

David Cameron has established himself as a leading voice in education. He has led reviews and presented at conferences in Scotland, across the UK and internationally, working with teachers, parents and governors. David has extensive experience as a teacher, a senior manager in schools and in local authorities, most recently as Director of Children's Services for Stirling Council. David has supported STEP for many years and his passion for education combined with his extensive knowledge and sense of humour have provided STEP with a hugely popular conference chair. He can be contacted at [therealdavidcameron@gmail.com](mailto:therealdavidcameron@gmail.com).