



**Wokingham
Virtual School**



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

WOKINGHAM VIRTUAL SCHOOL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

9.30AM TO 1PM

We are excited to announce the agenda for our Summer Conference 2021. Although the venue this year is virtual, we hope to see as many faces as possible there. If you would like to book your place please email Alix, alix.williams@wokingham.gov.uk.



AGENDA

9.30am Sian Biddlecombe Virtual School Headteacher

Welcome, introductions and updates

10.00am Keynote Speaker Luke Rodgers

Fifty percent of the United Kingdom's homeless population are people who have left the foster care system. At age 15, Luke Rodgers was part of that statistic. He spent nights sleeping on trains and attended school during the day. An 'un-fosterable' care leaver, Luke struggled to make meaning out of a tumultuous childhood and teen years spent in a revolving door of foster situations.

At age 17, Luke met a foster family who was willing to give him the attention and respect he deserved as he navigated the transition to living independently. Seeing his potential, Luke's foster mum invited him to speak publicly about his experience in the system. He agreed and was overwhelmed by how his story touched others. It was the start of an incredible journey of reframing his experiences in a positive way.

11.00am Comfort Break

11.15am –11.45 Q & A with Luke Rodgers

11.45am Sian Biddlecombe Virtual School Headteacher: Covid Response

12.00pm Ruth Blyth PEP Officer

Raising Achievement through an Outstanding PEP—What does an Outstanding PEP look like?

12.30pm Jane Everton Deputy Headteacher

Therapeutic Interventions

12.40pm Kat Johnston Post-16 Officer

Post-16 Opportunities & Post-16 PEPs

12.50pm A.O.B and Close.