

# Collaboration as a Strategy for Promoting Equity in Education: Possibilities and Barriers

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**09:15 - 12:15**

**Hopwood Hall College, Rochdale Campus**

**Trainer:** Professor Mel Ainscow CBE

**Audience:** Headteachers & Senior Leaders

The Focus of this session is around school to school support and working in collaboratives

Professor Mel Ainscow specializes in the areas of equity, inclusion and school improvement. Currently Mel is leading Schools Challenge Cymru, the Welsh Government's multi-million pound flagship programme to accelerate the rate of improvement across the country's schools. Between 2007 and 2011 he led the Greater Manchester Challenge a project that involved a partnership between national government, ten local authorities, 1,150 schools and many other stakeholders, and had a government investment of around £50 million. Previously a head teacher, local education authority inspector and lecturer at the University of Cambridge, Mel's work attempts to explore connections between inclusion, teacher development and school improvement.

Mel was director of a UNESCO Teacher Education project on inclusive education which involved research and development in over 80 countries, and has been a consultant to UNESCO, UNICEF and Save the Children. In the 2012 New Year Honours list he was awarded a CBE for services to education. He is a Fellow of the RSA. In 2013 he was appointed as specialist adviser to the House of Commons Education Committee.

