

The ASE Annual Conference returns to the University of Reading from 8th to 11th January 2020!

With over 450 sessions timetabled, the 2020 ASE Annual Conference promises to deliver the usual high quality CPD programme for science educators and everyone involved in science teaching and learning. Speakers, both experienced and new, are taking to their stages to provide all the usual conference elements that participants have come to expect – some of the highlights are below:

- **Wednesday:** International Day, with a global programme delivered by speakers from Japan, Science on Stage Europe, Sweden and the British Council.
- **Thursday:** The ASE Presidential Address from Professor Sir John Holman focuses on building the essential skills for a successful career, alongside other keynotes and a dedicated Post-16 programme, as well as a Twilight Technician programme from 3pm until 7pm for just £25. The ASE Members' Reception takes place at 5pm and everyone is invited along (not just members!).
- **Friday:** The *Biology in the Real World* programme runs throughout the day, as well as the ever-popular Schools Exhibition from 9am to 12.30pm, followed by Primary

Pop-Up at 1.30pm. Matthew Newberry HMI Ofsted delivers his session on *The New Education Inspection Framework September 2019 – reflections on the first*

term. This year, there is also a Headteachers and Governors session sponsored by Gatsby, chaired by a panel including Sam Sims, Sir John Holman and other high profile individuals within science education.

- **Saturday:** The final day of the conference includes *Effective Sequencing Workshops* facilitated by Matthew Newberry HMI and a Research-Meet day including a marketplace showcase, research clinic and working lunch, rounded off by a *Classroom Research in Science Education* session from Professor Christine Harrison. New for this year are the Teacher Takeaways; teacher-presenters who



are new to presenting being coached and supported by those more experienced in their field.

All of the above and so much more throughout the Conference, including Frontier Science lectures delivered by lecturers from the University of Reading, sessions delivered by exam boards and teacher-presenters, and *Biology Practicals that Work* and CLEAPSS drop-in workshops. There are also sponsored refreshments, laboratory practicals and sessions dedicated to primary, cross-phase (upper primary into lower secondary), 11-19, Post-16 and technicians, and an exhibition full of school science resource suppliers showcasing their latest offerings – something for everyone, so don't miss it!

The online timetable will be available shortly at <https://ase2020annualconference.sched.com/> but, in the meantime, the ASE Annual Conference webpage can be viewed at <https://www.ase.org.uk/annual-conference> where you will also find a link to book tickets via the ASE Eventbrite page.

We look forward to seeing you in January for another successful science education conference.

