

DramaHE Conference 2025: Futures - Schedule

Thursday 26th June

Time	Activity	Title	Speakers
9:45-10:45	Registration and Coffee		
10:45-11:00	Opening and Housekeeping		RBC Team
11:00-12:00	Keynote 1	The Undiscovered Country: A Cartography of Anticipation	Pedro de Senna
12:00-13:30	Panel 1: Inclusivity Challenges (Chair: Paola Botham)	1.1. '...But It's Difficult': Confronting Excuses by Finding the Answers Together	Dermot Daly
		1.2. Taking a Different Action: Partnership Pathways to Positive Futures	Gemma Cutler- Colclough
		1.3. Considering the Acting/Theatre/Performance Degree of the Future and the Significance of Body and Time-Based Learning	Rebecca Woodford-Smith and Ele Slade
13:30-14:30	Lunch		
14:30-14:45	Welcome Address		Stephen Maddock
14:45-15:45	Keynote 2	Shaping All Our Futures: Drama, Arts and Society	Heidi Ashton
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00-17:30	Panel 2: 'Green Shoots' (Chair: Judy Owen)	2.1. A New National Centre for the Arts and Music Education – What Could It Mean?	Adam Whittaker
		2.2. Scala: A Future Arts and Learning Centre	Hannah Phillips
		2.3. Protecting Optimism: A Reflective Case Study of Graduate Opportunities and Key Developmental Stages of an Emerging Artist's Career between 2014 and 2025	Connor Nolan
17:30-19:30	Free Time (Dinner)		
19:30-21:45	<i>The Seagull</i> at The Lab, directed by Stephen Simms [optional – free tickets]		

Friday 27th June

Time	Activity	Title	Speakers
9:30-10:00	Registration and Coffee		
10:00-10:45	Keynote 3	Getting Our Act Together: Developing Pathways from HE to the Creative Industries	Steve Ball
10:45-12:15	Panel 3: Curriculum Challenges (Chair: Rochi Rampal)	3.1. The Future Is Already Here: Charting the Transformation in HE Drama	Paul Johnson
		3.2. Spaced Out: Strategically Transforming an End into a Beginning <u>or</u> How Closing Us Down, Opens Us Up	Simon Piasecki
		3.3. Activating Change: Saving Secondary Drama Education from Crisis	Chris Bolton
12:15-12:30	Coffee Break		
12:30-13:30	Roundtable: Drama in Schools (Chair: Bobby Colvill)		Hugh Blackwood
			Ava-Daniera McDonald
			Sorrel Oates
13:30-14:30	Lunch		
14:30-16:00	Panel 4: Advocacy for the Discipline	4.1. The State of the Discipline	Victor Ladron de Guevara
		4.2. Using Data to Tell a Better Story about Drama in HEIs	Sarah Whitfield
		4.3. Open Forum – Preparing for the Future: Short, Medium and Long Term Actions	
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break		
16:15-17:45	DramaHE AGM		