



Hampshire Secondary Leaders' Annual Conference

21 March 2025

Following the success of last year's event, Hampshire Secondary Executive Leaders' warmly invite headteachers and up to two members of the senior leadership team to attend the Annual Conference.

We are thrilled to have Mark Russell, Chief Executive of The Children's Society as a guest at our annual conference.



Mark is the Chief Executive of The Children's Society, leading a team of 850 staff and 10,000 volunteers to support vulnerable children across the country. He is deeply committed to addressing the disadvantages faced by many children and young people, with a strong passion for protecting, supporting, and advocating for them.

Originally from County Armagh in Northern Ireland, Mark studied Law at Queen's University in Belfast. After a stint in the private sector, he transitioned to youth work, focusing on uniting Protestant and Catholic young people in a divided town during the lead-up to the Good Friday Agreement.

With over 20 years of experience working with children and young people, including his role as Chief Executive of the social justice charity Church Army, Mark is driven by the belief that every child deserves to thrive, not just survive. He champions a future where every child can walk tall and reach their full potential, free from the constraints of poverty, disadvantage, and fear.

'I want children and young people to know that someone cares, someone listens and someone will help. So they can thrive not just survive.'

[The Children's Society](#) is a national charity dedicated to transforming the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation, and neglect. They provide support through the most serious life challenges and campaign tirelessly for significant social changes to improve the lives of those who need hope the most. With a legacy of 140 years, they remain committed to building a society where hope is alive in every child.

Mark will present and lead our discussions for the first part of the morning, and then after coffee, we will consider some of the big issues we are currently dealing with.



Date: Friday 21 March 2025

Time: 08:30 - 12:30

Location: voco Winchester Hotel and Spa (formerly The Holiday Inn), Telegraph Way, Winchester, SO21 1HZ

To confirm your attendance, please complete the [Hampshire Secondary Leaders' Annual Conference booking form](#).

Hampshire maintained schools and academies that have paid the annual subscription are entitled to up to three free spaces per school.