Dr Chris Brown: ‘White working-class boys’ and attainment

Dr Chris Brown will present a detailed picture of the characteristics of white British pupils in Tower Hamlets and the attitudes they and their parents have towards school and achievement.

In 2016, the London Centre for Leadership in Learning (LCLL) was commissioned by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to explore how the achievement of white working class pupils in the borough might be raised. Dr Chris Brown and his team worked with the Youth Service and Learning and Achievement Service to undertake a survey of young people in the borough, and ran focus groups with parental engagement staff and the parents of white British pupils. Case studies were also undertaken to identify the challenges and opportunities and how schools are addressing these.

Eight themes emerged as key barriers to the achievement of white British working class pupils: a) aspirations; b) attitudes; c) the appropriateness of the curriculum, marginalisation and multiculturalism; d) family and home factors; e) parental engagement; f) social capital, cultural capital, advice and guidance; g) transition; and h) pupil characteristics.

Wednesday, 28 June 2017
1:30-2:30pm
All seminars in this series are free to attend, and take place in UCL's central London campus.

About the speaker
Dr Chris Brown is a Senior Lecturer in the London Centre for Leadership in Learning at the UCL Institute of Education. He has a long standing interest in how evidence can aid teaching practice and has written three books, several papers and has presented at a number of international conferences both in Europe and North America.

Book your place now at www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/ioe-seminars