

## Forum Strategy: Contributing to School Leadership & MAT Conferences

Forum Strategy runs five multi-academy trust leaders' networks nationwide. We are a strategic consultancy with a strong national reputation for cutting-edge thought-leadership, advice and training for multi-academy trust CEOs, trustees and senior leaders. Our CEO, Michael Pain, regularly speaks at school leadership and multi-academy trust conferences, and in the last year has provided keynote speeches to over twenty events, including:

- Lincolnshire Headteachers Conference
- National MAT Leaders Conference
- Stoke Academies and Secondary Schools Conference
- Challenge Partners Annual Conference
- Kyra New Heads Conference
- Ninestiles Academy Trust Conference



### Michael Pain

Michael Pain is CEO of Forum Strategy. Under his leadership the organisation has moved from a start-up business to becoming a 'sector leader', supporting and advising hundreds of multi-academy trust leaders nationwide through Forum's #MATLeaders networks and beyond.

Michael's thinking and advice has been published in a range of education media, including articles in Schools Week, TES,

Academy Magazine, and Education Executive. He has also led a number of high profile policy-roundtables with organisations such as Ofsted and the National Governors Association, including on the future of MAT accountability and the recruitment and training of trustees.

Michael speaks regularly on leadership, vision and responding to the contextual issues facing the education system and society, sustainable organisational improvement, and relevant policy and research insights. He also draws on his work advising CEOs, and his own experience as a successful entrepreneur, establishing a successful and highly-respected national business with an excellent team of employees and associates alike.

Michael was formerly Head of Policy at the National College for School Leadership and, before that, an adviser to the Minister for Europe. He was Called to the Bar in 2007.

### In the media:

- 5 key development areas for multi-academy trusts: <http://www.forumstrategy.org/why-many-mats-must-develop-more-compelling-visions-and-how-do-they-go-about-embedding-them/>
- How can the government better support MATs? <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/how-can-the-government-better-support-mats/>
- Improving MAT governance (TES): <https://www.tes.com/news/call-ban-trustees-guilty-mat-mismanagement>
- The significant challenge of teacher recruitment: <https://edexec.co.uk/the-significant-challenge-of-teacher-recruitment-and-retention/>

**For more information, including copies of Michael's blogs and speeches, visit:**

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