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## **Professor Andy Hargreaves to Take Centre Stage at EWC’s Professionally Speaking 2019**

Prof. Andy Hargreaves will deliver the Education Workforce Council’s (EWC) fourth annual lecture, Professionally Speaking on Monday, 16 September 2019 at the National Museum Cardiff.

Speaking in the museum’s Reardon Smith Theatre, the highly respected education expert will give a lecture entitled ‘Equity, identity and inclusion: the next big challenge for educational change’.

On his lecture, Andy Hargreaves commented:

“We are moving beyond an age defined by achievement and effort alone, to one that also gets to grips with engagement, identity and wellbeing.

“Engagement isn’t simply about more relevance, technology, or fun. It’s about knowing your students, how to connect with their interests, and how to introduce them to new ones.”

He added:

“Social mobility requires changes in values and behaviours among elites at the top; not just more grit and resilience from those at the bottom.”

Andy Hargreaves’ lecture coincides with his involvement in the Atlantic Rim Summit, which takes place in Cardiff and Swansea on 12 and 13 September. This is the first time the event will be held in Wales.

Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams AM will also address the audience before joining Andy Hargreaves in a Q and A session following his lecture.

Over 300 professionals from across the education and training professions are expected to attend the event, which is held in partnership with Swansea University, and sponsored by The Open University in Wales.

Tickets have now sold out but the event will be broadcast live its entirety on the [Education Workforce Council’s YouTube](#) channel from 6:30pm on 16 September.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### Education Workforce Council

1. The Education Workforce Council is the independent regulator in Wales for teachers in maintained schools, further education teachers and learning support staff in both school and FE settings, as well as youth workers and people involved in work-based learning.
2. [Professionally Speaking](#) is a free event that takes place every year and provides a valuable opportunity for professional development and discussion around current issues facing the education professions.

### Professor Andy Hargreaves

1. Andy Hargreaves is Visiting Professor at the University of Ottawa, Research Professor in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College and he recently joined Swansea University as Honorary Professor.
2. He is also founder of the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory, which aims to establish a global group of educational systems that advances values such as equity, excellence, wellbeing, inclusion, democracy and human rights for all students within high-quality, professionally-run systems.
3. Andy Hargreaves was among the external experts involved in the OECD's review of Wales' school system in 2014.