Getting to Senate House, North Block, SOAS

SOAS, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, London WC1H 0XG
Paul Webley Wing in Senate House North Block, 1st floor

12.30 Registration opens
Main event venue 1pm-5pm
The Alumni Lecture Theatre
Workshops 2.30-3.15
The Alumni Lecture Theatre and The Wolfson Lecture Theatre

OTHER SPACES
Prayer rooms are available in Brunei Gallery B105 and the Main Building L65. Ask for codes. For other needs unsupervised space on offer in room S109. For any support, please ask at desk.

UNDERGROUND
The closest Tube stations to the Institute of Education are Russell Square, Euston Square, Kings Cross and Euston Stations.

BUS
Use buses 7, 68, 91, 168 and 188 stop on Russell Square; 10, 24, 29, 73 and 134 stop on Tottenham Court Road (north bound) or Gower Street (south bound).

CAR / TAXI / BIKE
By car/taxi/bike the most convenient set-down point is on Thornhaugh Street. There are no car parking facilities, disabled or otherwise.

PARKING
There is no parking at all at SOAS. There are a number of NCP car parks nearby, for example Bedford Way, Coram Street and Marchmont Street. For accessibility info please go online at: https://soasunion.org/yourunion/
Agenda

1pm — 1.10pm Conference Welcome
Gracie Mae Bradley, Against Borders for Children Campaign Coordinator

1.10pm — 1.25pm Keynote Speech
Kevin Courtney, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

1.30pm — 2.20pm The ABC Campaign in Context: The Hostile Environment
Contributions from Sara Ogilvie (Liberty), Malia Bouattia (National Union of Students), Carolina Gottardo (Latin American Women's Rights Service), Mr. S (Teacher), Jen Persson (defenddigitalme).

Q&A discussion chaired by Gracie Mae Bradley

2.20pm Break

2.30pm — 3.15pm Two Parallel Workshops


Data Privacy/Rights Workshop: Your data and where it goes. Your right to know. Learn how pupil and student data are being used. Get campaign tools to safeguard your data, and share ideas on challenging policy and practice.

3.25pm — 3.35pm Freed Voices
The realities of immigration detention

3.40pm — 4.30pm What We Stand For: Education Without Borders
Contributions from Pragna Patel (Southall Black Sisters), Sheila Hayman (Freedom from Torture/Write to Life), Spokesperson (Unis Resist Border Controls), and Sharon Akaka (Let us Learn).

Q&A discussion chaired by Rebekah Murrell (English PEN)

4.35 Youth Speak Out
Contributions from young people from Sin Fronteras and Jawaab, who will be talking about why this matters to them and why we must take action together.

4.55 Solidarity Action Photoshoot

5pm Close and Call to Action
Opportunity for networking until 5.30pm

Against Borders for Children would like to thank SOAS SU and NUS, all of our participants who have generously volunteered and donated their time making today possible, and thank you all, organisations, and individuals, for your support. Our supporters: https://www.schoolsabc.net/about/

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

“Parents are upset, not just about how this information might be used but because these questions are asked at all. They are fundamentally intrusive in the same way that the listing of foreign workers.” [The Earl of Clancarty, House of Lords, October 12, 2016]

“this proposal has all the hallmarks of racism” [Lord Storey, October 31, 2016]

“Schools shouldn’t be used for border control - that’s the job of the border agencies. Schools have got enough to do to raise standards than to worry about who they are taking in and whether they’ve got a passport.” [Sir Michael Wilshaw, December 1, 2016]

NALDIC, The national subject association for EAL (English as an Additional Language) - promoting teaching and learning of bilingual pupils in the UK. They “would like to urge the Department for Education to reconsider its position urgently” [NALDIC, January 9, 2017]