# Conference Agenda

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| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | **Arrival and networking** |
| 10:00AM- 10:10AM | **Welcome: Tabitha Witherick, Chief Executive ASCEL** |
| 10:10AM- 10:15AM | **Welcome: Annabel Gittins, Chair of ASCEL Board of Trustees** |
| 10:15AM- 10:25AM | **Keynote: Baroness Twycross** |
| 10:25AM- 10:30AM | **Sponsor spotlight: Peters** |
| 10:30AM- 11:00AM | **Youth Panel supported by Mighty Creatives**<br>Hear directly from young people on what they want from libraries and how to better engage them. |
| 11:00AM- 11:15AM | **Break** |
| 11:15AM- 12:15PM | **Interactive sessions: Voice and Ocean Generation**<br>Voice: Cross sector learning for connecting with children and young people<br>Ocean Generation: How libraries can support children and young people to be environmental activist |
| 12:15PM- 1:00PM | **Lunch and Virtual Expo**<br>Take a break and explore ideas, and inspiration from our exhibitors and sponsors |
| 1:00PM- 1:25PM | **Guest Speaker: Professor Laura Lundy**<br>Discover her influential model of participation and how it empowers children's voices |
| 1:25PM- 1:50PM | **Interactive session: Kindred² (Erin Willson)**<br>Early years and school readiness, share challenges, opportunities, and ideas. |
| 1:50PM- 2:15PM | **Guest Speaker: Motaz Amer**<br>Inclusion, activism, and how libraries can champion every young voice |
| 2:15PM- 2:25PM | **Break** |
| 2:25PM- 2:50PM | **Keynote: Mychal Threets**<br>Celebrating the joy and power of libraries for children and young people |
| 2:50PM- 3:15PM | **New brand launch**<br>Join us for our launch party celebration, you won't want to miss! |
| 3:15PM- 3:25PM | **Close** |

# Interactive sessions

### Voice

This session is all about creating genuine connections with children and young people to build a culture where their voices truly shape what you do. Drawing on over 20 years' experience working alongside young people, Emrys Green and a co-trainer with lived experience will share how to listen differently, act on what you hear, and make sure every child and young person feels valued and heard.

### Ocean Generation

This session will be led by Jo Ruxton MBE, producer of the award-winning documentary A Plastic Ocean, called "one of the most important films of our time" by Sir David Attenborough. She'll share Ocean Generation's model for turning children and young people into 'Ocean Activist's', giving practical ideas for bringing environmental engagement into your library.

### Kindred²

Erin Wilson has over 20 years' experience in education and youth engagement. In this session she'll share how Kindred² develops programmes and partnerships that empower children and supports success from the very start, to help libraries create sustainable, impactful learning experiences.

Peters

**Supplying children's and adult books to public libraries across the UK**

We're grateful to our conference sponsor Peters for their continued support in helping libraries inspire and empower children and young people.