

Education: Past, Present, Future

The Road to 1988 – Plowden & Callaghan

Introduction: background

- In August 1963 the then Minister of Education, Sir Edward Boyle, asked the Central Advisory Council for Education (England) 'to consider primary education in all its aspects and the transition to secondary education.'
- First such report since Hadow Report 1931

TASK

- In groups you have 25 minutes to research as much as you can about the Plowden Report
- What were the key points of the report?
- What were the outcomes?
- Can you see identify and links with discussions on education today?

James Callaghan's Ruskin Speech

- Analyse the speech and look for key themes and important discussion points
- The seeds of many policy debates, decisions and initiatives are contained in the speech. Try to identify as many contemporary policy debates or developments as you can in the text of the speech.
- The Callaghan Speech is often viewed as very controversial, why do you think that might be?

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