

Leading educationalist appointed to board of trustees at Impetus-PEF

Professor Becky Francis of King's College London joins Impetus-PEF Board

25/9/14: Impetus – The Private Equity Foundation (Impetus-PEF), today announces the appointment of education expert Professor Becky Francis to its board of trustees.

As the pioneer of venture philanthropy in the UK, Impetus-PEF transforms the lives of disadvantaged young people by ensuring they get the support needed to succeed in education and employment. It does this by identifying the most promising youth organisations and providing them with a combination of long-term funding and sustained strategic advice covering management, governance, financial operations and fundraising.

Becky is Professor of Education and Social Justice at King's College London. She is best known for her work on educational achievement in relation to social identities (gender, race, social class). Her respected contributions to policy research include her recent highly influential work on 'Satisfactory' schools, her Direction of the Academies Commission and her advisory role to the Education Select Committee. Professor Francis has published various works on education, equality and social im/mobility – most recently, *Identities and Practices of High Achieving Pupils**.

Commenting on her appointment, Becky said: "I am delighted to join the Impetus-PEF board. I'm particularly attracted to Impetus-PEF's model of helping other charities to improve the quality and effectiveness of their programmes and interventions for disadvantaged young people. Impetus-PEF's commitment to evidence-informed practice is especially noteworthy and, as an academic, it's an approach I am keen to support. I hope my educational expertise and in-depth knowledge of social justice and inequality will really benefit Impetus-PEF and help inform its life-changing agenda."

Impetus-PEF Chief Executive Officer Daniela Barone Soares said of the appointment: "I am so pleased Becky is joining our board of dedicated trustees. Her education and social policy expertise will be invaluable – particularly in relation to our work around educational achievement for young people from poor families. We're delighted to have her on board."

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Impetus – The Private Equity Foundation (Impetus-PEF) transforms the lives of 11-24 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds by ensuring that they get the support they need to succeed in education and employment. It does this by finding the most promising youth charities and social enterprises in the UK and helping them (through a pioneering combination of management support, specialist expertise and funding) to become highly effective at delivering programmes proven to transform the lives of the young people they serve. For more information, please visit impetus-pef.org.uk

*2012, Continuum, with Christine Skelton and Barbara Read.