

Oxfordshire Virtual School presents:

## 2025 Annual Conference

### Transforming Lives Through Human Connection: Empowering Care-Experienced Children to Achieve Their Dreams



Join Oxfordshire Virtual School and contributors for our 2025 Annual Conference - a day of connection, learning and sharing of best practice.

This conference is dedicated to exploring the transformative power of human connection in the lives of care-experienced children.

When people feel truly seen and supported, extraordinary things happen.

With insights from a guest keynote speaker, along with practice activities and collaborative discussions, we will explore the vital roles that educators, caregivers and community members play in nurturing the holistic growth and development of children in need and those with care experience. Our focus will be on practical strategies and innovative approaches that empower these young people to overcome challenges, build resilience and confidently pursue their aspirations.

#### Keynote speaker:



**Ashley John-Baptiste** is a BBC reporter, presenter (The One Show / BBC News / Con Or Cure / Expert Witness / For Love Or Money) and author of 'Looked After: A Childhood in Care'.

From the age of two until he was 18, Ashley grew up in four foster families and spent two years in a residential care home. He was suspended several times from secondary school, and had already been issued a final warning when the opportunity arose to visit a summer school organised by the Sutton Trust at Cambridge University. This was when he realised that he would have to take responsibility for himself and that he had the potential to succeed.



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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
09:00 -15:30

Unipart House  
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Join us as we come together to share insights, celebrate successes and commit to making a lasting impact on the lives of children in need and care-experienced children through the power of human connection. Together, we can create a supportive environment where every child is encouraged to dream big and achieve their best outcomes.

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