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Cross Community Symposium: After Covid: Towards a strong recovery for Jewish Education



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Over 60 key figures involved in Jewish education, both formal & informal, gathered online to discuss lessons learnt and best ways of moving forward post Covid. The Symposium “After Covid: Towards a strong recovery for Jewish Education” was a joint initiative by UJIA and LSJS with the aim of bringing the community together at a time when Jewish education is at a critical point. The symposium provided a collaborative space to address the issue of how to ‘build back better’ after the Covid experience. Presentations were given by Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum, Dean of LSJS, Dr Rona Novick, Dean of the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, and education expert Jonny Ariel.

Drawing on recent research on post-pandemic recovery and opportunity, participants shared ideas and emerging models of success, captured learning from their lived experiences and considered how to drive change. The symposium started a critical process which aims to develop a bold agenda for Jewish education, which crucially, will bring together leaders of schools, youth movements, synagogues, and education organisation.

Joanne Greenaway, LSJS Chief Executive, says “I’m so pleased that we have been able to come together to start such a critical conversation for the future of Anglo-Jewry. This was only the start of a process but there was tremendous engagement from the participants and so many ideas to build on.”

Mandie Winston, UJIA Chief Executive, says “Our community’s future rests upon the quality of our Jewish educational experiences. We were inspired and motivated by the commitment, passion and wisdom of all of the participants and look forward to turning these conversations into tangible action towards building back better.”

To find out more about the symposium or to be involved in a future event please contact joanne.greenaway@lsjs.ac.uk or Mandie.Winston@ujia.org