

**Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar:  
Next steps for tackling the London skills gap - training and guidance, funding  
and the Mayor's skills strategy**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor Jamie Audsley**, Deputy Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs, Croydon Council
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The London Skills Strategy - key findings and challenges for implementation**  
**Anthony Impey**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Optimity and Member, Skills for Londoners Taskforce  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Priorities for London's economy - identifying skills shortages, promoting apprenticeships and career progression**  
*With the Mayor being joined by the likes of the CBI and CIPD as well as by the Metro Mayors in his call for the apprenticeship levy to reformed into a more general skills levy, what short-term measures can be taken to support a wider range of skills and employment opportunities and how might the London Skills Taskforce increase the appeal of apprenticeships for employers to make better use of funds raised through the levy? As London's economy prepares for the UK's exit from the European Union, how will the composition of London's labour market be affected, and what steps can be taken to help businesses respond - especially those sectors traditionally reliant upon labour from the single market, such as hospitality? How can the variance in needs and employment conditions between London's four sub regions be met by a pan-London strategy, and what role should London's sub-regional partnerships play in shaping and implementing London's Skills Strategy? With the Mayor's draft strategy outlining the ambition to create an all-age careers offer, who will be responsible for delivering this and how can those particularly in need of support - those in low-paid or low-skilled work - be most effectively reached?*  
**Joe Dromey**, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR  
**Deborah Streatfield**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, MyBigCareer  
**Chris Wright**, Chief Executive, Catch22  
**Susannah Wilks**, Director, Cross River Partnership  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Councillor Jamie Audsley**, Deputy Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs, Croydon Council
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Anthony Impey**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Optimity and Member, Skills for Londoners Taskforce
- 11.15 - 11.30 **Integrating the Adult Education Budget with the London Skills Strategy**  
**Mark Dawe**, Chief Executive, Association of Employment and Learning Providers
- 11.30 - 11.45 **Responding to the London Area Reviews - priorities for London's local authorities**  
**Councillor Darren Rodwell**, Leader, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Executive Member, City Development, London Councils
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Developing a city-wide technical and adult education offering - barriers to lifelong learning and employer skills needs**  
*How might the devolution of the Adult Education Budget enable the Mayor to create a comprehensive, localised skills system; how might the Mayor match this with the recommendations outlined in the London Area Review - which sought to improve the financial viability of the sector - and how might colleges be able to utilise additional sources of funding such as the Skills for London Capital Fund? With the Mayor's draft strategy noting that participation in further education has declined in the last 5 years, how can the Mayor and the FE Sector highlight the importance of re-skilling and updating skills throughout a lifetime in order to progress to higher skilled employment, and how might the GLA work with further education providers to promote sources of financial support, such as the Advanced Learner Loans? How can colleges and employers work to address skills gaps which may emerge from the UK's departure from the European Union - for example, what can be learnt from initiatives such as the Construction Academy scheme as they prepare for the industry's current and future skills needs? Given that the Mayor's draft strategy for skills and education supports a move to outcome-based commissioning, how can London's colleges respond to align delivery to emerging sectors in the economy - such as the creative and cultural sector and artificial intelligence.*  
**Janette Welton-Pai**, Partnerships Manager, Greater London, Construction Industry Training Board  
**Mary Vine-Morris**, Area Director, London, Association of Colleges  
**Steven Mitchell**, Director of Research, Innovation and Development, Skills Training UK  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Mark Dawe**, Chief Executive, Association of Employment and Learning Providers and **Councillor Darren Rodwell**, Leader, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Executive Member, City Development, London Councils
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Priorities for London's employers - the Good Works Standard, automation and Brexit**  
**Mark Hilton**, Executive Director, Policy, London First  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for London closing remarks**  
**Anthony Impey**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Optimity and Member, Skills for Londoners Taskforce  
**Sam Dolton**, Senior Producer, Policy Forum for London