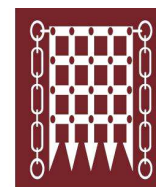


**Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar:
Preparing young people for work - careers education, training and routes into employment**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 9th February 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Prosser, Chair, Youth Employment Taskforce, Recruitment and Employment Confederation
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Connecting education and employment to prepare the next generation**
Claudia Harris, Chief Executive Officer, The Careers & Enterprise Company
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Case study: employer engagement in preparing young people for adulthood**
Kirstie Mackey, Director of LifeSkills & Consumer Affairs, Barclays
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Case study: beyond examinations - demonstrating skills and competencies**
Ruth Carter, Sector Specialist, Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, OCR
- 9.55 - 10.45 **Addressing key issues - employability skills, work experience and impact of the new Careers Strategy**
What further steps can be taken by Government, schools and employers to ensure that key employability and life skills are better incorporated within or alongside the curriculum, following concerns expressed by the Social Mobility Select Committee? What are the key skills employers need and what examples are there of how they can be effectively taught to young people? In light of the result of the EU referendum, and the potential change to rules surrounding immigration, what more can be done to ensure that schools are creating more 'home-grown' candidates with such skills? How can greater consistency in levels of employer engagement in careers education be achieved on a national level; what are the key lessons that can be learnt from good local practice in this area? Should the Government require schools to meet the Gatsby benchmarks regarding encounters with employers and experience of the workplace; following Ofsted's recent report, what is needed for more schools to be able to implement effective mechanisms for monitoring and assessing students' progress in enterprise education? What are the key challenges for increasing the number of meaningful work experience, and work shadowing, placements available for young people, particularly for those living in rural or isolated communities? Following the recommendations of the Education, Economy and Skills Sub-Committee, should the Government use the new strategy to simplify its policy and message regarding preparing young people for work?
Phil Crompton, Chief Executive Officer, Trent Academies Group
Anand Shukla, Chief Executive, Brightside Trust
Anne Spackman, Chief Executive, Career Ready
Vinnie Singh, Student, Hackney Community College
Questions and comments from the floor with **Kirstie Mackey**, Director of LifeSkills & Consumer Affairs, Barclays and **Ruth Carter**, Sector Specialist, Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, OCR
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Prosser, Chair, Youth Employment Taskforce, Recruitment and Employment Confederation
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Michael Tomlinson MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Employment
- 11.20 - 11.50 **Priorities for policy - careers advice and preparing young people for work**
Clare MacDonald, Deputy Director, Careers and Basic Skills, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Improving routes into employment - Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Technical Education**
Stephen Radley, Policy & Partnerships Director, CITB
- 12.00 - 12.55 **Improving employment support for young people and the role for Jobcentre Plus in schools**
As all young people will be expected to be 'earning or learning' by April 2017, in what further ways can employment support for young people be improved; how can the Government implement the new Youth Obligation in a way which can help to tackle local and national skills shortages? How effective is the Jobcentre Plus (JCP) Support for Schools likely to be in improving young people's transition into employment; what steps can be taken by Government and others to underpin its success? What more can be done to connect young people with local Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities? How well is current mainstream JCP provision aligned to meeting the needs of young people; should the Government consider creating new Youth Employment Centres, which would operate separately from JCP and provide specialist advice to young people, as called for by Policy Exchange? What is likely to be the impact of the post-referendum economy on young people's employment prospects, and what challenges or opportunities does this present Government with?
Pauline Crellin, Deputy Director, Labour Market Division, DWP
Tom Hadley, Director of Policy and Professional Services, Recruitment & Employment Confederation
Sara Hyde, Support and Training Manager, Working Chance
Julie Fawcett, Director, Stockwell Park Community Trust
Questions and comments from the floor with **Stephen Radley**, Policy & Partnerships Director, CITB
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Michael Tomlinson MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Employment
Tom Overend, Forum Lead, Westminster Employment Forum