

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar: Skills for the green economy

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Venue: Seligman Theatre, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

Agenda subject to change

- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Duncan Hames MP**
- 9.05 - 9.55 **Defining the green skills economy**  
*What is meant by the 'green economy'? How green is the UK's economy? In terms of UK skills supply and demand, what are the drivers for greener skills? How might a more strategic approach to identifying areas for growth aid a shift to greener skills? What steps should be taken to ensure that green skills are adopted in the workplace?*  
**Professor Tony Day**, Professor of Energy Engineering, Department of Urban Engineering, London South Bank University  
**Andrew Raingold**, Deputy Director, Aldersgate Group  
**Peter Lacy**, Partner and Managing Director, Sustainability Services, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Latin America, Accenture  
**Kayte Lawton**, Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research  
**Richard Blakeley**, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Unionlearn, TUC
- 9.55 - 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
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**Baroness Sharp of Guildford**, Vice-Chair, Associate Parliamentary Skills Group
- 10.55 - 11.35 **Green skills priorities and strategy**  
*What are the green skills requirements for the UK? How can the UK meet these green skills objectives?*  
**Iain Macdonald**, Head of Education and Training, ECA (Electrical Contractors' Association)  
**Sara Pearce**, Coordinator, Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes  
**Keith Marshall**, Chief Executive, SummitSkills  
**Tim Balcon**, Chief Executive, Energy & Utility Skills
- 11.35 - 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.35 **The challenges and wider concerns for green skills**  
*What steps must be taken during transition to avoid a green skills shortfall? What should UK priorities be in terms of training and investment? What strategies and measures are being implemented in the development of a greener crop of graduates? What examples of best practice going forward can be drawn from current green skills projects?*  
**James Medhurst**, Director, GHK  
**Sarah Beacock**, Professional Affairs Director, Energy Institute  
**Professor Ian Williams**, Professor of Applied Environmental Science, School of Civil Engineering and the Environment, University of Southampton  
**Betsy Bassis**, Managing Director, Community Energy, British Gas
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Sharp of Guildford**, Vice-Chair, Associate Parliamentary Skills Group  
**Michael Ryan**, Senior Producer, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum