

## Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Priorities for apprenticeships in Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Venue: Central Cardiff



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.45 **Assessing the state of skills in Wales - the impact of Brexit and the Apprenticeships Levy**  
**Councillor Debbie Wilcox**, Joint Cabinet Lead for Employment and Skills, Cardiff Capital Region and Leader, WLGA  
**Simon Pirotte**, Principal, Bridgend College  
**Huw Mathias**, Training Delivery Manager, Tata Steel  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 10.25 **Meeting the target of 100,000 apprenticeships - increasing access and maximising benefits**  
**Gareth Williams**, Standards and Qualifications Manager, CITB Wales  
**Kevin Pascoe**, Employer Engagement Manager, The Open University in Wales  
**Ben Cottam**, Head of External Affairs for Wales, Federation of Small Businesses  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Higher Education Funding Council for Wales**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.55 **Policy priorities for apprenticeships in Wales**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.35 - 11.55 **Strategies for improving awareness and understanding of apprenticeships**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.35 **Ensuring quality apprenticeships and the role of higher and degree apprenticeships**  
**Kevern Kerswell**, Chief Executive, Agored Cymru  
**Carmen Smith**, Deputy President, NUS Wales  
**Kieron Rees**, Policy Adviser, Skills, Apprenticeships and Schools, Universities Wales  
**Sarah John**, National Chair, National Training Federation Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Effective practice in apprenticeships provision - key characteristics**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
Senior Assembly Member  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Policy Forum for Wales