

Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar

The future of careers advice and guidance - schools, universities and adult provision

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26th April 2012

Venue: Central London

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Karen Buck MP, Shadow Minister for Education
- 9.05 - 9.20 **The current state of careers guidance and education in England's schools**
Karen Adriaanse, National Adviser for Careers Guidance and Employability, Ofsted
- 9.20 - 10.05 **The next steps for careers guidance and education in schools - commissioning, quality and work experience**
Perspectives on the likely impact of the requirement, contained in the Education Act 2011, for all schools to provide careers guidance for all pupils and to commission this from private and third sector guidance providers. How can a minimum level of quality in careers guidance provision be ensured? Should funding for careers guidance be ringfenced from the overall schools budget? Should careers education play a part in PSHE education and if so, should this be statutory? What role should work experience play in preparing young people for a future career and what role should schools, local employers and local authorities play in delivering good quality options for work experience post-16? Should university careers departments deliver impartial careers guidance in schools? Would publishing destination data for pupils achieve its aim of focusing schools on supporting all pupils into university, apprenticeships or employment?
Jonathan Clifton, Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research
Lesley Gannon, Head of Campaigns, National Association of Head Teachers
Simone Miles, Head of Development, Medway Youth Trust
Jane Artess, Director, Higher Education Careers Service Unit
Questions and comments from the floor with **Karen Adriaanse**, National Adviser for Careers Guidance and Employability, Ofsted
- 10.05 - 10.50 **The future for university careers services following the introduction of the Key Information Set**
Will the introduction of Key Information Sets (KIS), including the requirements to publish graduate destinations and average salaries after 6 months, encourage universities to increase the resources allocated to their careers departments? Should the KIS also measure graduate earnings over a longer period or the extent to which employment relates to the course studied? How are leading careers departments improving outcomes for graduates and to what extent are these solutions scalable to be used by institutions nationally? In what ways can careers advice departments work with businesses to expand work placements and internships for students and graduates? Should universities include modules on employment skills or enterprise within the course syllabus?
Rajeeb Dey, Founder and Chief Executive, Enternships.com
Tom Davie, Member of the Board of Directors, AGCAS and Deputy Head, Careers, Employability and Enterprise Centre, Durham University
Paul Hazell, Higher Education Policy Adviser, Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
Rebecca Bridger, President, Loughborough Students' Union
Claire Ball, People Adviser, Innocent Drinks
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Karen Buck MP, Shadow Minister for Education
- 10.55 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Esther McVey MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of State for Employment, Department for Work and Pensions
- 11.20 - 11.45 **Challenges and opportunities for careers guidance in the years ahead**
Sarah Finnegan-Dehn, President, Institute of Careers Guidance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Introducing the National Careers Service - focus, funding and implementation**
Perspectives on the introduction of the National Careers Service (NCS) and its likely impact. What are the benefits of an all-age careers service and how can an all-age service avoid a 'one size fits all' approach? How is the NCS intended to interrelate with The Work Programme to reduce long-term unemployment? To what extent will the NCS be responsive to the needs of adults seeking career changes or to progress within their current sector compared to focusing simply on the currently unemployed? Is funding for the NCS sufficient to meet its aims or should resources be extended due to the current relatively high levels of unemployment? How should local authorities and the Jobcentre Plus network work with the NCS to ensure priority groups receive the face-to-face guidance they are entitled to?
Professor Tony Watts, Founding Director and Life Fellow, National Institute for Careers Education and Counselling and Visiting Professor, University of Derby and Canterbury Christ Church University
Mike Manson, Director, Red Bridge Solutions
Jon Richards, Senior National Officer for Education, UNISON
Andrew Cheal, 14-19 Director, Northamptonshire County Council
Patrick Hughes, Director, Workforce Selection and Exits, Department for Work and Pensions
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Careers advice and guidance in England**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Employment Forum thanks and closing remarks**
Esther McVey MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of State for Employment, Department for Work and Pensions
Sean Cudmore, Senior Producer, Westminster Employment Forum