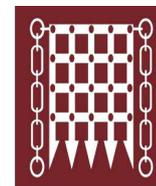


## Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar:

### Priorities for the new Careers Strategy - next steps for standards, funding and meeting employer needs

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 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**  
**Mims Davies MP**
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Current national picture for careers and challenges ahead**  
**Dr Barbara Bassot**, Senior Lecturer, Canterbury Christ Church University
- 9.15 - 10.10 **A careers strategy for England**  
*Following the Secretary of State's recent call for a "skills revolution", what role can careers guidance play in supporting wider government policy objectives? How can careers policy best align with the strategic aims of the Industrial Strategy, and encourage more young people to pursue careers in priority areas such as STEM, or to take technical career pathways? How might the careers sector in the UK need to react to the challenges created by Brexit, including anticipated skills shortages in sectors such as construction and hospitality? Following indications from government that the careers strategy which will have a "clear focus on driving social mobility", what steps can be taken to ensure that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds or those with special educational needs are able to access the tailored support they need? Does Government need to give greater focus to ensuring that those leading on careers advice are suitably qualified, or have relevant experience? How can Government improve the co-ordination between the careers resources available for adults and those for young people, in order to improve coherence and clarity?*  
**Bhavina Bharkhada**, Education and Skills Policy Adviser, EEF  
**Andrew Bell**, Head of Public Affairs, WorldSkills UK  
**Jan Ellis**, Chief Executive, Career Development Institute  
**Brenda Cabras**, Director of Employment and Skills, Prospects  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Barbara Bassot**, Senior Lecturer, Canterbury Christ Church University
- 10.10 - 10.20 **'National Careers Service: our journey from good to outstanding'**  
**Joe Billington**, Director, National Careers Service
- 10.20 - 10.30 **Improving co-ordination and scaling-up best practice**  
**Claudia Harris**, Chief Executive Officer, The Careers and Enterprise Company
- 10.30 - 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Mims Davies MP**
- 11.00 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remark**  
**Baroness Prosser**
- 11.30 - 12.25 **Priorities for schools in improving careers information, advice and guidance**  
*What steps can be taken to provide greater support and guidance for 'careers leaders' within schools; should the Gatsby benchmarks - which set out eight dimensions of best practice for careers guidance - serve as a standardised guide for schools on the action that they should take? How can Government address widespread concerns about the lack of funding and resources available to schools for careers; should some schools instead be encouraged to give greater consideration to careers when planning their budget? In what ways can careers technology, and the innovative use of data, relieve some of the burdens faced by schools; what steps can be taken to ensure that when using careers tech, students do not 'self-stereotype'? Should Ofsted place a greater emphasis on careers when inspecting and rating schools? Following calls from colleges, training providers and employers, is further legislation needed to ensure that students are able to access impartial information about apprenticeships and the new T-Levels which will be available to them? What lessons could schools learn from careers provision in FE colleges and universities? How can schools and employers work together to improve the quality and availability of work experience placements; for example what impact are Government's recently launched 'opportunity areas' having on collaboration between schools and businesses?*  
**Kath Wright**, Independent Career Education Consultant  
**Sharon Walpole**, Director, CASCAID  
**Eluned Jones**, Director of Student Employability, University of Birmingham  
**Belinda Whitehouse**, Head of Careers, Dame Allan's Schools  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The careers strategy - priorities for policy**  
**Clare MacDonald**, Deputy Director, Careers and Basic Skills, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Prosser**  
**Jonny Roberts**, Associate Editor, Westminster Employment Forum