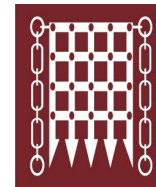


**Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar:
The future for Degree Apprenticeships and higher-level vocational education in England**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 8th June 2016

Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Aberdare, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Apprenticeships
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The challenge ahead - identifying and addressing England's higher-level skill shortages**
Chris Kirk, Education and Skills Consulting Lead, PwC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.30 **Higher and Degree Apprenticeships: experiences so far and challenges for expansion**
Case study: lessons from launching the Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship
Petra Wilton, Director of Strategy and External Affairs, Chartered Management Institute
Case study: the Apprenticeships challenge in the Civil Service
Jake McClure, Head of Apprenticeships, Civil Service Learning
University perspectives on Degree Apprenticeships
John Rose-Adams, Associate Manager, Higher Education Academy
Assuring quality in Degree and Higher Apprenticeships
Dr Joanna Parr, Data Analyst, Quality Assurance Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.55 **Lessons from Europe in creating high-quality vocational qualifications**
Stefan Kordasch, Deputy-Head, Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Aberdare, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Apprenticeships
- 11.00 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Garner, Freelance Journalist and former Education Editor, The Independent
- 11.30 - 11.45 **Creating centres of vocational excellence: the future for National Colleges**
Catherine Hill, Deputy Principal, Blackpool and The Fylde College, Lancashire
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Challenges for reforming 'Professional and Technical Education' in England: pathways to higher-level skills**
Lesley Davies, Senior Vice President, Pearson BTEC and Apprenticeships
Professor Martin Doel, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges and Further Education Trust for Leadership and Professor of Further Education and Skills, University College London
Dr Scott Kelly, Lecturer, New York University in London and Policy Advisor to Rt Hon John Hayes MP, former Minister for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning
Questions and comments from the floor with **Catherine Hill**, Deputy Principal, Blackpool and The Fylde College, Lancashire
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Priorities for policy**
Stephen North, Policy Lead for Higher and Degree Apprenticeships, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Richard Garner, Freelance Journalist and former Education Editor, The Independent
Sean Cudmore, Deputy-Editor, Westminster Employment Forum