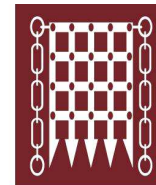


**Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar:
The future for higher and degree apprenticeships - expansion, integration and standards**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 18th October 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Baroness Garden of Frognal, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson on Higher & Further Education and Skills
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Initial experiences of creating and delivering degree apprenticeships**
Professor Timothy Quine, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), University of Exeter
Conor Moss, Director of Education and Employer Partnerships, Sheffield Hallam University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **EU withdrawal and demand for higher-level vocational skills**
Joe Dromey, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR
- 9.40 - 9.50 **Further progression - developing Masters-level degree apprenticeship programmes**
Petra Wilton, Director of Strategy and External Affairs, Chartered Management Institute
- 9.50 - 10.35 **Challenges for expanding higher and degree apprenticeship and the impact of the Apprenticeship Levy**
Bob Soper-Dyer, Head of Apprenticeships Programmes, BT
Professor Pat Bailey, Deputy-Vice Chancellor, London South Bank University
Ben Sweetman, Director, Degree Apprenticeships, QA Apprenticeships
Questions and comments from the floor with **Petra Wilton**, Director of Strategy and External Affairs, Chartered Management Institute and **Joe Dromey**, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR
- 10.35 - 11.00 **Priorities for ensuring quality in degree apprenticeships**
Dr Cathy Kerfoot, Standards and Frameworks Manager, QAA
Jessica Wood, Senior Policy Adviser, Quality Assessment, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Baroness Garden of Frognal, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson on Higher & Further Education and Skills
- 11.05 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.35 - 11.55 **Case study: graduate-level apprenticeship programmes in action**
Callum Grigor, Apprenticeship Policy Manager, Directorate for Fair Work, Employability & Skills, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.35 **Raising awareness of higher and degree apprenticeships integration within the wider aims of the skills strategy**
Margaret Farragher, Head of Policy and Qualifications, External Relations, UCAS
Teresa Frith, Senior Skills Policy Manager, Association of Colleges
Simon Hawthorn, Leadership Team, National Society of Apprentices
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **The Degree Apprenticeship Development Fund - priorities for phase 2**
Dr Brooke Storer-Church, Senior Policy Advisor, Subjects and Skills, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Westminster Employment Forum