

**Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar**  
**Priorities for employability in Wales: developing and delivering 'Working Wales'**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Venue: Park Inn Hotel, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2JH



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Russell George AM**, Chair, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Policy priorities for employability support**  
**Eluned Morgan AM**, Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.55 **Utilising the Valleys as a test bed for a new approach**  
**Deri Ap Hywel**, Deputy Director, Valleys Projects, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.15 **Addressing the workforce challenges of the modern economy and the impact of Brexit**  
**Fflur Jones**, Partner and Head of Employment and HR, Darwin Gray  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.05 **Perspectives on 'Working Wales' - challenges and opportunities for streamlining employability and supporting all communities**  
**Natasha Davies**, Policy and Research Lead, Chwarae Teg  
**Mair Bell**, Senior Research Officer, Wales Centre for Public Policy  
**Councillor Myfanwy Alexander**, Cabinet Member for Education, Powys County Council  
**Linda Williams**, Director of Human Resources, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Russell George AM**, Chair, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 11.10 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor Myfanwy Alexander**, Cabinet Member for Education, Powys County Council
- 11.45 - 12.05 **Strategies for providing comprehensive and effective careers advice and guidance**  
**Phil Bowden**, Head of Quality and Planning, Careers Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Priorities for developing skills - lifelong learning, apprenticeships, in-work training and further education**  
**Bryan Godsell**, Regional Co-ordinating Officer, Unite Wales  
**Paul Byard**, National Director, Wales, EEF  
**Iwan Thomas**, Regional Programme Manager, Skills and Employment, North Wales Economic Ambition Board  
**Andrew Whitcombe**, Dean, Work Based Learning, Cardiff and Vale College Group  
**Dr. Sheena Carlisle**, Senior Lecturer, Tourism Management, Cardiff Metropolitan University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Councillor Myfanwy Alexander**, Cabinet Member for Education, Powys County Council  
**Jonny Roberts**, Associate Editor - Forward Planning, Policy Forum for Wales