

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

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 22nd 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