

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar

Priorities for employability in Wales: developing and delivering 'Working Wales'

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 22nd November 2017

Venue: Central Cardiff



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Russell George AM, Chair, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 9.10 - 9.30 **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
- 9.30 - 10.00 **Policy priorities for employability support - implementing the Employability Delivery Plan**
Julie James AM, Minister for Skills and Science, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.20 **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
- 10.20 - 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, Public Policy Institute for Wales
Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Cabinet Member for Education, Powys County Council
Senior representative, business
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**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.45 - 12.05 **Strategies for providing comprehensive and effective careers advice and guidance**
Graham Bowd, Chief Executive, 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
Mike James, Chief Executive, Cardiff and Vale College Group
Senior speaker to be confirmed from **Cardiff Metropolitan University**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales