

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**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
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 - 10.10 **Utilising the Valleys as a test bed for a new approach**
Deri Ap Hywel, Deputy Director, Valleys Projects, Welsh Government
- 10.10 - 11.00 **Perspectives on 'Working Wales' - challenges and opportunities for streamlining employability and supporting all communities**
Natasha Davies, Policy and Research Lead, Chwarae Teg
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor with **Deri Ap Hywel**, Deputy Director, Valleys Projects, Welsh Government
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Russell George AM, Chair, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 11.05 - 11.35 Coffee
- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.40 - 12.00 **Strategies for providing comprehensive and effective careers advice and guidance**
Graham Bowd, Interim Chief Executive, Careers Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.55 **Priorities for developing skills - lifelong learning, apprenticeships, in-work training and further education**
Andy Richards, Secretary, Unite Wales
Paul Byard, National Director, Wales, EEF
Iwan Thomas, Regional Programme Manager, Skills and Employment, North Wales Economic Ambition Board
Senior representative, lifelong learning
Senior representative, colleges
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales