

Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar: Next steps for tackling the London skills gap - training and guidance, funding and the Mayor's skills strategy

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 17th May 2018

Venue: Central London



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Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chair to be announced
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The London Skills Strategy - key findings and challenges for implementation**
Anthony Impey, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Optimity and Member, Skills for Londoners Taskforce
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Matching skills with the demands of London's economy - priorities following the London Skills Strategy**
Following the Mayor's commitment to create new, high-quality apprenticeships, how can the London Skills Taskforce increase the appeal of apprenticeships for employers? As London's economy prepares for the UK's exit from the European Union, how will the composition of London's labour market be affected, and what steps can be taken to help businesses respond - especially those sectors traditionally reliant upon labour from the single market, such as hospitality? With the Adult Education Budget set to be devolved to London in 2019/20, how can the taskforce align priorities to safeguard jobs, wealth and prosperity? How can the variance in needs and employment conditions between London's four sub regions be met by a pan-London strategy, and what role should London's sub-regional partnerships play in shaping and implementing London's Skills Strategy? How can careers guidance for adults across London be improved to better promote technical career routes, especially for younger and disadvantaged groups, who are more likely to be employed through insecure forms of work?
Joe Dromey, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR
Sarah Sturrock, Director, South London Partnership
Jill Whittaker, Managing Director, HIT Training
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
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- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
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- 11.10 - 11.35 **Integrating the Adult Education Budget with the London Skills Strategy**
Marilyn Hawkins, Associate FE Commissioner, Department for Education and Member, Skills for Londoners Taskforce
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.50 **Responding to the London Area Reviews - priorities for London's local authorities**
Councillor Darren Rodwell, Leader, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Executive Member, City Development, London Councils
- 11.50 - 12.30 **Funding, devolution, and the future for London's post-16 educational sector - developing further education and adult learning**
To what extent will the devolution of the Adult Education Budget provide London's colleges with a means to implement recommendations from the London Area Review - which sought to improve the financial viability of the sector - and how might they be able to utilise initiatives such as the Skills for London Capital Fund? How can colleges and employers work to address skills gaps which may emerge from the UK's departure from the European Union - for example, what can be learnt from initiatives such as the Construction Academy scheme as they prepare for the industry's current and future skills needs? With fewer colleges in London following a number of mergers and partnerships - and with more expected - what steps should be taken to safeguard the quality of teaching available to students and to ensure local authorities are able to meet local demand? With the Mayor's draft strategy for skills and education supporting a move to outcome-based commissioning, how can London's colleges respond to support the delivery of relevant skills which support individual's to progress in employment?
Janette Welton-Pai, Partnerships Manager, Greater London, Construction Industry Training Board
Emily Chapman, Vice President - Further Education, National Union of Students
Senior speaker confirmed from **City Lit**
Questions and comments from the floor with **Councillor Darren Rodwell**, Leader, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Executive Member, City Development, London Councils
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Priorities for London's employers - the Good Works Standard, automation and Brexit**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for London closing remarks**
Chair to be announced
Marc Gammon, Associate Editor, Policy Forum for London