

Westminster Employment Forum policy conference
Next steps for adult education and lifelong learning in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education and Lifelong Learning
- 9.05 **Priorities for lifelong learning - tackling barriers, what investment is needed going forward, and developing a flexible system of provision**
Dr Joe Marshall, Chief Executive, National Centre for Universities and Business; and, Commissioner, Lifelong Education Commission
Professor Liz Barnes, Commissioner, Lifelong Education Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Creating a cohesive system for lifelong learning provision - qualification choice, improving advice and guidance, design and implementation of the Lifelong Loan Entitlement, accessibility, and facilitating social mobility**
Julie Hyde, Director of External and Regulatory Affairs, NCFE
Ann Marie Spry, Group Vice Principal Curriculum and Adults, Leeds City College, Luminare Education Group
Lucy Standing, Co-Founder, Brave Starts
Mark Wakeford, Chair, Major Contractors Group, National Federation of Builders; and, Governor, Moulton College
Senior speaker confirmed from **UCAS**
- 10.00 **Remote and online learning, and improving accessibility to adult education**
Rajay Naik, Chief Executive Officer, Skilled Education; and Chairman, UK Commission on Lifelong Learning
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education and Lifelong Learning
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Case studies - developing skills provision in key sectors**
Mark Dawe, Chief Executive Officer, The Skills Network
Senior representative, digital
Senior representative, health and social care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Aligning lifelong learning provision with the needs of the labour market - identifying skills needs, upskilling and improving on-the-job training, and addressing regional variation and creating local skills ecosystems**
Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute
Stephen Mariadas, Chief Executive, South West Institute of Technology
Alexandra Hall-Chen, Senior Policy Advisor, Institute of Directors
Councillor Janine Bridges, Cabinet Member for Education and Economy, Stoke-on-Trent Council
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for implementing the Lifelong Loan Entitlement**
Matt Hassan, Head of Policy, Lifelong Loan Entitlement, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Employment Forum