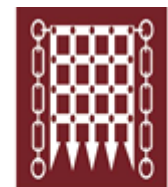


Westminster Higher Education Forum keynote seminar

Degree apprenticeships in England - next steps for awareness and access, quality and standards, inspection, and contribution to economic recovery

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for expanding and improving the degree apprenticeship offer**
Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director for Standards Development, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Delivering degree apprenticeships during the pandemic - remote learning, end-point assessments, and what can be learned going forward**
Susanna Lawson, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, OneFile
Gareth Preece, Apprenticeships Project Consultant, New College of the Humanities London, Northeastern University
Rinkal Desai, Senior Teaching Fellow, WMG, University of Warwick
Senior representative, think tank
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 Break
- 10.10 **Streamlining the application process and helping students explore wider options**
John Cope, Director of Strategy, Policy, & Public Affairs, UCAS
- 10.20 **Marketing and access - priorities for improving awareness of degree apprenticeships, streamlining applications, the use of the apprenticeship levy, and for tackling inequalities and helping drive social mobility**
Siobhan Randell, Inclusion and Diversity Lead, Multiverse
Liz Mannion, Careers Leader, Richmond School and Sixth Form College
Senior representative, research
- 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Maximising the contribution of degree apprenticeships to the employment market - identifying key skill shortage areas, improving co-operation between universities and employers, and levelling up locally**
Professor Timothy Quine, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), University of Exeter
Julia Russell, Apprentice Lead, Renishaw
Senior representative, college
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Driving up standards and ensuring consistency in quality across apprenticeships**
Ellie Russell, Deputy Head of Policy, University Alliance
Tom Davidson, Director, Centre for Excellence in Paramedic Practice, University of Cumbria
Senior representative, provider
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Inspection of degree apprenticeships - experience so far and outlook going forward**
Senior representative, regulator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum