

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for careers guidance in England's schools and post-16 settings**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Young of Norwood Green**
- 9.05 **The current state of careers guidance and priorities for improvement**  
**John Yarham**, Deputy Chief Executive, The Careers and Enterprise Company  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the impact and progress of careers guidance in primary schools so far**  
**Dr Carol Davenport**, Associate Professor and Director of NUSTEM, Northumbria University
- 9.40 **Priorities for careers guidance in schools**  
*assessing the quality of provision | best practice | increasing the time available to deliver effective careers advice | developing close working between school leaders, careers leaders, teachers and careers specialists | increasing the role of parents and guardians | upskilling teachers and the wider workforce | access to work experience | linking the school curriculum to careers advice effectively | improving the collection and use of destination data*  
**John Snell**, Headteacher, Welton Primary School, Somerset  
**Martin Serrao**, Executive Headteacher, Northampton International Academy  
**Mark de Backer**, Deputy Director, Young People, Education Development Trust  
Senior representative, employer
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Young of Norwood Green**
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Watson of Invergowrie**
- 10.40 **Key findings from Ofsted's Independent review of careers guidance**  
Senior representative, regulation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Increasing the awareness and uptake of technical routes into employment**  
**Katie Ingrey**, Education Policy Manager, The Institution of Engineering and Technology
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Post-16 careers guidance**  
*tailoring careers advice to address local and national skills gaps | preparing students for future workforce changes | increasing the promotion of both academic and technical pathways | building partnerships between FE colleges and employers*  
**Dana Mowatt**, Careers Advisor, Leicester College  
**Dr Vikki Smith**, Executive Director, Education and Standards, The Education and Training Foundation  
**Joe Fitzsimons**, Policy Manager, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants  
**Nikkita Henshall**, Careers Lead, King Edward VI Academy, Lincolnshire  
Senior representative, university  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for careers guidance moving forward**  
**Alex Iles**, Head, Careers Strategy and Infrastructure, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Watson of Invergowrie**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Education Forum