

Westminster Employment Forum policy conference

Next steps for careers advice in England - organisation and coordination, developing a long-term strategy, and priorities for improving services and employer links

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26th January 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord McNicol, Deputy Chairman of Committees (Lords)
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for improving England's careers landscape and developing a more coherent and joined-up system**
Sir John Holman, Independent Strategic Adviser on Careers Guidance to DfE; and Senior Advisor in Education, The Gatsby Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **'16-18 NEET provision: Bridging the gap between careers and the skills strategy'**
Paul Price-Hazlehurst, CEO, The Futures Group
- 9.45 **Developing a long-term careers strategy - organisation and governance, coordination of local and national delivery, linking with wider policy including levelling up, and increasing the involvement of employers**
David Morgan, Chief Executive, Career Development Institute
Ryan Gibson, National System Leader - Careers (CEIAG), Academies Enterprise Trust
Jan Ellis, Chief Executive, Qdos Education
Vikkie Morton, Vice Principal, Education Partnership Northeast
Susanna Lawson, Founder and Ambassador, OneFile
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Progression to the job market - careers services as a building block for addressing labour market and industry needs and ensuring awareness of varied routes to skilled employment**
Michael Houlihan, CEO, Generation UK
Nicola Drury, UK Apprenticeship Manager, Amazon
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord McNicol, Deputy Chairman of Committees (Lords)
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Yarham, Deputy CEO, The Careers and Enterprise Company
- 11.20 **'Right decisions, right reasons: support students in making that next step'**
Ben Jordan, Head of Policy, UCAS
- 11.30 **Improving careers services in educational settings - implementing the Baker Clause, improving school-employer connections, and addressing concerns around access to careers advice and the digital divide**
Zac Aldridge, Director of Qualifications and Assessment, NCFE
Aveek Bhattacharya, Chief Economist, The Social Market Foundation
Rachel Kitley, Principal, Cowes Enterprise College
Esther McVey MP, Founder, If Chloe Can
Sydney Samuels, Youth Leadership Team, The Careers and Enterprise Company; and Founder and Managing Director, Loop Not Luck
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **The future outlook for careers guidance in England**
Oli de Botton, Chief Executive, The Careers and Enterprise Company
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Ben Jordan, Head of Policy, UCAS
Sian Linnane, Researcher, Westminster Employment Forum