

## Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for degree apprenticeships

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current landscape for Degree Apprenticeships in England, and priorities going forward**  
**Rowan Fisher**, Head of Student Experience and Skills Policy, Universities UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key issues for Degree Apprenticeship applications and admissions**  
Senior speaker confirmed from **UCAS**
- 9.40 **Growth of provision and increasing uptake of courses**  
*Key trends in overall take-up | Progression pathways | Increasing awareness | Options for HEIs to expand their offer | Commercial viability | Future use of the Apprenticeship Levy for degree apprenticeships | Improving options for SMEs*  
**Lucy Hunte**, National Programme Manager, Apprenticeships, NHS England  
**Kieran Cooke**, Principal Consultant, Education, Moorhouse  
**Ashley Wheaton**, Vice Chancellor, University College of Estate Management  
Senior representative, business  
Senior commentator
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Improving the quality of provision and course delivery**  
*Course delivery and structure | Partnerships between HEIs and businesses | Maintaining standards of qualifications awarded | Regulation and accountability*  
**Kathryn Marshall**, Senior Apprenticeship Manager, People and Places, Lloyds Banking Group  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, awarding body  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Widening access and participation through degree apprenticeships and meeting the needs of the labour market**  
*Improving student diversity and outreach to those from underrepresented backgrounds | Retention and progression | Increasing social mobility through course provision | Role in upskilling and improving regional and local economies*  
**Tom Hadley**, Global Workforce Consultant; and Director, Youth Employment UK  
**Marc Rothera**, Strategic Lead, FSE and B&L Apprenticeships, Anglia Ruskin University  
**Anna Morrison**, Director, Amazing Apprenticeships  
Senior representative, local government  
Student voice  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for the provision and awarding of degree apprenticeships moving forward**  
**Darren Shaw**, Head of Community of Practice, Assessment and Assurance, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education  
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