

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for degree apprenticeships

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18th April 2024

Taking place online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 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 & 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 & 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 for 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