

Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar

Disability in the workplace - inclusivity, progression, reporting, and priorities for the National Disability

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for supporting disabled people in the workplace following the National Disability Strategy**
Senior representative, third sector
- 9.15 **Improving recruitment opportunities and the transition to work for disabled people - Access to Work Adjustments passports, supporting students leaving education, back-to-work support, and improving guidance and advice**
Paul Deemer, Head of Diversity and Inclusion, NHS Employers
Dr Miro Griffiths, Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow, Leeds University
Senior representative, FE college
Senior representative, jobcentre
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Whole-organisation approaches to improving disability inclusion and employer engagement - the disability reporting framework, Disability Confident, workplace transparency, and dealing with data and disclosure issues**
Lord Shinkwin, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Disability
Mary Doyle, Accessible Aviation Consultant, Rocket Girl Coaching
Senior representative, HR
Senior representative, professional association
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Embedding inclusivity into workplace cultures and design - flexible work, introducing carers' leave, office design, and the use of assistive technologies**
Robin Christopherson, Head of Digital Inclusion, AbilityNet
Diane Lightfoot, Chief Executive, Business Disability Forum
Chris Fry, Lawyer, Fry Law
Senior representative, employer
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Encouraging and supporting entrepreneurship amongst disabled people**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy to support disabled people in the workplace**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Employment Forum