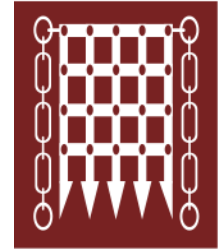


**Westminster Employment Forum and Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for developing green skills and clean energy employment opportunities in England**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 19th October 2026

Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The clean energy workforce in England - policy developments, labour market needs and future requirements**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Implementation of the Clean Energy Jobs Plan, workforce capacity and system coordination**
progress on the Clean Energy Jobs Plan | contribution of Skills England and the Office for Clean Energy Jobs | findings from Skills England's Sector Skills Needs Assessment: Clean Energy | recruitment into priority technical occupations | training capacity and constraints in key roles including electricians, engineers and technicians | coordination between government, employers and training providers | Clean Energy Technical Excellence Colleges and intermediate technical pathways | Growth and Skills Levy, funding arrangements and SME participation | labour market intelligence and workforce forecasting
Senior representative, college
Senior representative, employers
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, trade union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Identifying sector skills needs and developing pathways into clean energy employment**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Job quality, fair work and inclusion in the green economy workforce**
Senior representative, union
- 11.15 **Next steps for progression pathways, workforce transition and widening participation**
apprenticeships, technical education, higher technical qualifications and degree-level routes | qualification pathways and employer demand | transitions between education, training and employment | visibility and accessibility of routes into priority occupations | reskilling and movement from oil and gas and adjacent sectors | early experience of the Energy Skills Passport | recognition of transferable skills, technical capabilities and digital skills | widening participation in clean energy careers
Stephen Barrett, Director, Membership and Strategic Engagement, Energy and Utility Skills
Mishary Alfahad, Head, Academy Green Industries, Capital City College Group
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, employers
- 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Regional delivery, labour market alignment and workforce planning**
Senior representative, combined authority
- 12.00 **Place-based skills planning and regional workforce development**
regional distribution of clean energy employment | local workforce planning and skills provision | combined authorities, devolved administrations and local skills partnerships | regional economic strategies and infrastructure programmes | alignment of funding with local skills needs | employer engagement across SMEs and supply chains | national clean energy ambitions and local industrial priorities | consistency and flexibility in regional delivery | widening access in areas experiencing industrial and economic transition
Jack Hayhoe, Head, Net Zero Programmes, Midlands Net Zero Hub
Andy James, Assistant Principal, Riverside College, Cheshire
Senior representative, employers
Senior representative, training provider
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Policy priorities for developing the clean energy workforce and next steps for implementation**
Hugo Jones, Deputy Director, Office for Clean Energy Jobs, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Forum Projects