

**Westminster Employment Forum policy conference**  
**Green skills, apprenticeships and employment - policy, implementation, and priorities for education and training, businesses and the workforce**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Philip Dunne MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee
- 9.05 **Defining 'green jobs' and 'green skills' and their relevance for sectors across the economy**  
Stephen Phipson, Chief Executive Officer, Make UK
- 9.15 **The state of play with green skills in the UK, key gaps, and what is needed by employers**  
Nick Molho, Executive Director, Aldersgate Group; and Member, Green Jobs Taskforce  
Rhian Kelly, Director, Corporate Affairs, National Grid
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Priorities for the education and vocational training sectors - developing new qualifications and apprenticeships and future-proofing the existing offer, aligning with needs on the ground, and careers advice and progression to employment**  
Charlotte Bonner, National Head of Education for Sustainable Development, Education and Training Foundation  
Cllr Tony Ball, Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong learning and Employability, Essex County Council  
Dr Raoul-Gabriel Urma, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge Spark  
Phil Beach, Chief Executive, Energy & Utility Skills and former Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications, Ofqual  
Paul Cox, Chief Executive and Principal, Eastleigh College  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Philip Dunne MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Supporting businesses, SMEs, and regional labour markets to offer green jobs - funding and investment, facilitating market demand and competitive supply chains, and priorities for regions dependent on high-carbon industries**  
Stephen Mariadas, Chief Executive Officer, South West Institute of Technology  
Rachel Anderson, Assistant Director, Policy (Tees Valley and Energy), North East England Chamber of Commerce  
Commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Facilitating a just transition to green jobs for the workforce - lifelong learning, retraining and access to modular and flexible upskilling, diversity and inclusion, and ensuring workplace safety in green jobs**  
Anna Markova, Policy Officer, Industry and Climate, Trades Union Congress  
Martin Baxter, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director of Policy and External Affairs, IEMA  
Senior representative, retraining  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Next steps for green skills and jobs**  
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