

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

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Bill Esterson MP**, Chair, Energy Security and Net Zero Committee
- 9.05 **Assessing the current green skills landscape and identifying areas for expansion**  
**Sarah Mukherjee**, CEO, Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
- 9.20 **Key labour market, skills and workforce priorities for the green economy moving forward**  
*fulfilling future job requirements in the green sector | assessing immediate skills gaps and long-term plans to grow the green skills economy*  
**Dr Marie-Laure Hicks**, Head of Policy, Aldersgate Group  
**Lewis Cooper**, Director, Public Affairs and Campaigns, Association of Colleges  
Senior representative, employer
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **Assessing the potential impact of Skills England on local and national green skills gaps**  
*priorities for Skills England and its implementation | simplifying the green skills qualification landscape | potential impact of the English Devolution Bill on the identification and fulfilment of skills gaps | best practice in aligning funding | qualification options and training opportunities*  
**Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee**, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council  
**Matthew Adams**, Transport Policy Manager, Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology  
**Stephen Barrett**, Director, Membership and Strategic Engagement, Energy and Utility Skills  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Bill Esterson MP**, Chair, Energy Security and Net Zero Committee
- 10.50 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Strategies to increase participation in the green labour market**  
*priorities for targeting underrepresented groups and widening diversity in green jobs | improving partnerships between education providers and employers to upskill the existing workforce | assessing the impact of recruitment campaigns and approaches going forward | qualification options for upskilling workers | identifying barriers to participation | aligning training programmes with need and policy*  
**Dr Adam Read**, Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK  
Senior representative, FE provider  
Senior representative, union  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **The future for funding and investment to support green industry growth and employment**  
*assessing the potential impact of the National Wealth Fund | strategies to attract public and private finance | targeting investment to priority sectors and regions | preparing for future labour market requirements | the role of local government in local workforce development*  
**Maria Gonella**, Managing Partner, Quantum Group  
**Dr James Jackson**, Hallsworth Research Fellow, University of Manchester  
**Councillor Emily Hickson**, Deputy Cabinet Member, Green Finance, Southwark Council  
Senior representative, finance  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for addressing local and national skills gaps in green industries**  
**Hugo Jones**, Deputy Director, Green Growth, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Employment Forum