

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for Level 3 qualifications reform in England**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21st May 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Aberdare, Member, Education for 11-16 Year Olds Committee
- 9.05 **Qualifications at Level 3 - implementation of reform so far and policy priorities moving forward**
Tom Reed, Head, Cohort Impact, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Adapting to Level 3 qualification reform**
lessons from the approvals and regulatory process / assessing quality and standards across qualifications / delivery of AAQs
Kevin Gilmartin, Post-16 and Colleges Specialist, Association for School and College Leaders
Alice Barnard, Chief Executive, Edge Foundation
Paul Steer, Director of Policy, OCR
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Assessing the impact of the Advanced British Standard on the Level 3 qualifications**
Dr Elizabeth Gregory, Lecturer in Education, University of Manchester
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Aberdare, Member, Education for 11-16 Year Olds Committee
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Hampton
- 10.55 **Preparing for the delivery of reformed technical qualifications**
professional development for teachers / employer and learner awareness of qualifications / bridging skills gaps / alignment with reforms at Level 2 and below
George Osei-Oppong Junior, Chief Executive Officer, HostHelp
Rachel Dillon, Senior Product and Commercial Manager, NCFE
- 11.10 **Providing clarity on student options and employment pathways for students looking ahead to post-16**
John Yarham, Deputy Chief Executive, The Careers and Enterprise Company
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **The future of T Levels**
addressing concerns surrounding student recruitment and retention / progression to higher education and employment / employer awareness / priorities for work placements
Ruth Coyle, Director of Admissions, Careers and Technical Education, La Retraite Roman Catholic Girls' School, London
Rebecca McSorley, Lead Practice Educator, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Johnny Rich, Chief Executive, Engineering Professors' Council; and Chief Executive, Push
Jamie Roberts, Policy Manager, Russell Group
Suzanne Straw, Deputy Head, Centre for Policy and Practice Research and Head, Northern Office, NFER
Sarah Herdan, Project Officer, Gatsby Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for T Levels moving forward**
Craig Myers, Deputy Director, T Level Policy, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Hampton
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Education Forum