

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
The future of the FE sector and priorities for the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Further Education and Lifelong Learning, and former Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sixth Form Education
- 9.05 **Next steps for developing the FE sector**
Sally Dicketts, President, Association of Colleges
- 9.15 **Improving governance and standards in the FE sector - accountability, the future for funding, and developing a responsive approach**
David Russell, Chief Executive Officer, The Education and Training Foundation
Professor Kevin Orr, Professor of Work and Learning, and Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning, University of Huddersfield
Dr Sue Pember, Policy Director, HOLEX
Senior representative, FE college
Senior representative, local authority
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Supporting flexibility in further education - the future for modular provision, facilitating online learning, funding support and widening access, and supporting upskilling and retraining**
Robin Ghurbhurun, Managing Director, Further Education and Skills, Jisc
Rebecca Garrod-Waters, Chief Executive, Ufi VocTech Trust
Alun Francis, Principal and Chief Executive, Oldham College
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Peter Aldous MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Further Education and Lifelong Learning, and former Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sixth Form Education
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Ensuring high standards within the FE sector**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **The FE sector and post-pandemic recovery - opportunities in the White Paper, meeting employer needs, plugging skills deficits, and driving local growth**
Tom Bewick, CEO, Federation of Awarding Bodies
Paul Warner, Director of Research and Development, Association of Employment and Learning Providers
Graham Guest, Principal and CEO, Telford College
Professor Helen Higson, Professor of Higher Education, Learning and Management, Aston Business School
Michael Lemin, Head of Policy, NCFE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Implementing the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill - policy priorities**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum