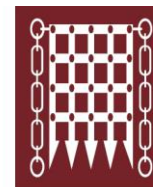


## Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

### Reforming Higher Technical Education

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Storey**, Liberal Democrats Education Spokesperson, House of Lords
- 9.05 **Higher technical education - the state of play and priorities for implementing the reformed qualifications**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for Education**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The independent consultation on higher technical education - an overview of key findings**  
**Philip Wilson**, Partner, York Consulting
- 9.40 **Improving the delivery of higher technical education - increasing take-up, improving the brand, funding and supporting providers, and addressing cold spots in provision**  
**Emily Jones**, Head of Research, Learning and Work Institute  
**Shane Chown**, Area Director, Midlands and Lead, High Volume Apprenticeships Group, Association of Colleges  
Senior representative, provider  
Senior representative, trade union  
Commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Philip Wilson**, Partner, York Consulting
- 10.30 Break
- 10.35 **Regulation and maintaining standards for the new higher technical education qualifications**  
**Claire Gill**, Associate Director, Strategic Relationships, Vocational and Technical Qualifications, Ofqual  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Storey**, Liberal Democrats Education Spokesperson, House of Lords
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **The international higher technical education landscape - what can be learned for developing the UK system**  
**Dr Anthony Mann**, Head, VET and Adult Learning Team, OECD  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Closing the technical skills gaps and boosting the post-pandemic economy - key shortage areas, improving co-operation with employers, and providing high quality on-the-job experience**  
**Patrick Craven**, Director of Quality, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, City and Guilds  
**Mark Smith**, Chief Executive Officer, Ada. National College for Digital Skills  
**Alissa Dhaliwal**, Head of Education & Skills, Confederation of British Industry  
**Mike Clancy**, General Secretary, Prospect Union  
**Clare Riley**, Education Skills Lead, Microsoft UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Approving qualifications and improving standards through the new quality mark - experience so far with the national approval scheme and next steps forward**  
**Ana Osbourne**, Deputy Director, Technical Education, Occupations & Qualifications, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum