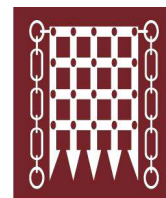


Westminster eForum policy conference

Women in the tech sector - the impact of COVID-19 and latest thinking on education and skills, and workplace culture, career progression and leadership

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 15th December 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Sheikh, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Diversity and Inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- 9.05 **Closing the gender gap in tech and championing digital skills**
Margot James, Executive Chair, WMG, University of Warwick and former Minister of State for Digital and Creative Industries, DCMS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Improving take up of STEM subjects at an early age, and fostering links between the tech sector and secondary education**
Dr Sue Sentance, Chief Learning Officer, Raspberry Pi Foundation; and Visiting Fellow, King's College London
Professor Eileen Harkin-Jones, Bombardier-Royal Academy of Engineering Chair in Composites Engineering, Ulster University
- 10.00 **Attracting more women into studying STEM subjects at an advanced level and pursuing careers in the tech sector**
Sean Dempsey, Employment Partner and Co-Head, Technology Sector Group, Lewis Silkin
Dr Helen Meese, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Care Machine and STEM Ambassador, Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Senior representative, technical education
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Sue Sentance**, Chief Learning Officer, Raspberry Pi Foundation and Visiting Lecturer, Computer Science Education, King's College London and **Professor Eileen Harkin-Jones**, Bombardier-Royal Academy of Engineering Chair in Composites Engineering, Ulster University
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Sheikh, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Diversity and Inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chi Onwurah MP, Shadow Minister for Science, Research and Digital
- 11.05 **The impact of COVID-19 and the economic downturn on women in tech**
Sophie Chadwick, Marketing and Events Executive, STEM Women
- 11.15 **Addressing workplace culture issues - discrimination, bullying and harassment, and attitudes towards flexible working**
Senior representative, workplace culture
- 11.25 **Progression and retention of women, and demonstrating competitive advantage through gender diversity in tech**
Angela Hobbs, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Wilkinson Hall; and Start Up Business Mentor and Consultant, Oxford University Innovation
- 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Improving the representation of women in senior leadership in the UK's tech sector**
Emily Clark, Chief Economist, BT
Laura Sandys, Chair, Government's Energy Data Taskforce
Griselda Togobo, Chief Executive Officer, Forward Ladies
Ann Cairns, Executive Vice Chair, Mastercard
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Chi Onwurah MP, Shadow Minister for Science, Research and Digital
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster eForum