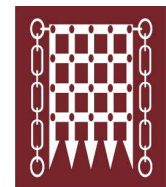


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for degree apprenticeships in England - funding, quality assurance and widening participation**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 30th April 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Gillian Keegan MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Conclusions from the Funding Band Review - what does it mean for degree apprenticeships?**
Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director, Standards Development, IfA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Priorities for funding degree apprenticeships and facilitating continued expansion**
Adrian Anderson, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council
Tony Ellender, Emerging Talent Development Manager, Balfour Beatty
Anthony Impey, Chair, Skills and Apprenticeships Policy Board, FSB
Professor Timothy Quine, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Professor of Earth Surface Science, University of Exeter
Elizabeth Gorb, Director of Apprenticeships, Manchester Metropolitan University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Gillian Keegan MP, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships
- 10.25- 10.50 Coffee
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Watson of Invergowrie, Shadow Spokesperson for Education
- 10.55 - 11.15 **Developing clear accountability structures for providing quality assurance**
Dr Alison Felce, Standards and Frameworks Officer, QAA
Dr Scott Court, Head, Quality Team, OfS
- 11.15 - 12.05 **Quality in degree apprenticeships - designing standards, ensuring comparability with traditional study and creating effective complaints procedures**
Jenny Taylor, UK Foundation Leader, UK Early Professional Programmes, IBM
David Willett, Director, Business Development Unit, The Open University
Rob Wall, Head of Policy, CMI
Andrew Croydon, Director, Skills & Education Policy and Examinations, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Alison Felce**, Standards and Frameworks Officer, QAA and **Dr Scott Court**, Head, Quality Team, OfS
- 12.05 - 12.15 **'Productivity and social mobility - how degree apprenticeships are delivering policy intentions'**
Dr Brooke Storer-Church, Senior Policy Advisor, Skills, Fair Access and Participation Directorate, OfS
- 12.15 - 12.55 **Improving visibility of degree apprenticeships - promoting awareness in schools and colleges, and the role of apprenticeships in widening participation**
Jane Mackay, PhD Candidate, Institute for Policy Research, University of Bath
Ben Jordan, Senior Policy and Qualifications Manager, UCAS
John Widdowson, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, New College Durham
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Brooke Storer-Church**, Senior Policy Advisor, Skills, Fair Access and Participation Directorate, OfS
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Watson of Invergowrie, Shadow Spokesperson for Education
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum