

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:  
Higher technical education in England - qualification reform, regulation and delivery**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019*

*Venue: Central London*



*Draft agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Reforming higher technical education in England**  
**Michael Davies**, Deputy Director, Technical Qualifications Development and Regulation, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Re-designing the higher technical offer to provide an alternative to traditional degrees**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.45 - 10.35 **What should higher technical qualifications look like? Design, collaboration with employers and improving uptake**  
**Patrick Craven**, Director, Policy, Quality and Stakeholder Engagement, City & Guilds  
Employer  
Senior representative, FE college  
Senior representative, awarding body  
Commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.30 **Standards, regulation and transitioning from level 3**  
  
*Joining up technical education and ensuring a smooth transition between T Levels and level 4 and 5 qualifications*  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
  
*Maintaining the integrity in standards of the reformed qualifications*  
**Lucy Sydney**, Director of Strategic Relationships for VTQ, Ofqual
- 11.30 - 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Establishing Institutes of Technology**  
**Professor Janice Kay**, Provost and Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter
- 12.00 - 12.45 **Key issues for the delivery of the reformed qualifications - funding, infrastructure and staffing and regional coverage**  
Employer  
Senior representative, FE college  
Senior representative, local authority  
Commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Janice Kay**, Provost and Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Next steps for qualifications at level 4-5**  
**Michael Davies**, Deputy Director, Technical Qualifications Development and Regulation, Department for Education
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum