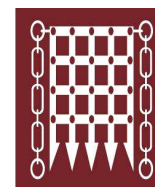


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Westminster Higher Education Forum and Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar:  
The future for higher technical education in England - delivery, simplifying pathways and  
establishing Institutes of Technology

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lucy Sydney**, Director of Strategic Relationships for VTQ, Ofqual
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Next steps for higher technical education**  
**Angela Fairchild**, Deputy Director, Technical Education and Qualifications Reform,  
Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.45 **Progress and current trends in higher technical education**  
**Professor Sandra McNally**, Professor of Economics, University of Surrey and Director,  
Centre for Vocational Education and Research, London School of Economics and Political Science  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Institutes of Technology (IoTs) - an international perspective**  
**Professor Brian Norton**, President, Dublin Institute of Technology
- 9.55 - 10.45 **Key issues for delivery - funding mechanisms, higher apprenticeships and establishing IoTs**  
*With the Government currently looking at how to extend technical education reforms to Level 4 and 5, and in light of its Review of Post-18 Education and Funding, how should funding mechanisms incentivise learning providers to offer options which meet suitable skills needs? What support do teachers of STEM subjects need to be able to develop a higher skilled workforce? Does more need to be done to achieve parity of esteem between higher technical education and academic education, and to what extent can these two approaches be better blended? As the uptake of higher apprenticeships increases, what further opportunities exist to upskill or retrain those already in full time work? With the first IoT expected to open in September 2019, what are the next steps for collaboration between employers and FE and HE providers, and what more needs to be done to increase workforce capacity and capability in areas where there are technological skills shortages?*  
**Vicky Knight**, President, University and College Union  
**Dr Julie Mills**, Principal and Chief Executive, Milton Keynes College  
**Mia Airoll**, Structural Technician, Structure Workshop  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Brian Norton**, President,  
Dublin Institute of Technology
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lucy Sydney**, Director of Strategic Relationships for VTQ, Ofqual
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Lucas**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Skills and Employment
- 11.20 - 11.40 **The developing regulatory landscape**  
  
**Quality of higher technical education and the changing role of the Institute for Apprenticeships**  
**Carmel Grant**, Deputy Director, Technical Education, Institute for Apprenticeships  
  
**'Ofqual's approach to regulating technical and vocational qualifications'**  
**Lucy Sydney**, Director of Strategic Relationships for VTQ, Ofqual
- 11.40 - 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Qualifications at Level 4 and 5 - provision, upskilling and meeting the needs of employers**  
**Patrick Craven**, Director, Policy, Quality and Stakeholder Engagement, City & Guilds  
**Dr Arti Saraswat**, Senior Policy Manager, Higher Education, Association of Colleges  
**Philip Pratley**, Director, Trade and External Relations UK, Leonardo  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Lucas**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Skills and Employment  
**Jonny Roberts**, Associate Editor - Forward Planning, Westminster Higher Education Forum and Westminster Employment Forum