

## Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for degree apprenticeships

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Jonathan Ledger**, Global Skills and Professional Bodies Specialist, Department for Business and Trade
- 9.05 **The current landscape for degree apprenticeships in England, and priorities going forward**  
**Rowan Fisher**, Head of Student Experience and Skills Policy, Universities UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **'Developing the journey to becoming a degree apprentice'**  
**Philippa Alway**, Senior Policy Adviser, Apprenticeships and Skills, UCAS
- 9.40 **Growth of provision and increasing uptake of courses**  
*key trends in overall take-up | progression pathways | increasing awareness | options for HEIs to expand their offer | commercial viability | future use of the Apprenticeship Levy for degree apprenticeships | improving options for SMEs*  
**Lucy Hunte**, National Programme Manager, Apprenticeships, NHS England  
**Amatey Doku**, Senior Consultant, Education, Moorhouse  
**Ashley Wheaton**, Vice Chancellor, University College of Estate Management  
**Raj Kakaiya**, Head of Degree Apprenticeships, Brunel University
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Delivering high quality degree apprenticeships and maintaining overall standards**  
**Mandy Crawford-Lee**, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council  
Questions and Comments from the floor
- 10.55 Break
- 11.10 **Improving the quality of provision and course delivery**  
*course delivery and structure | partnerships between HEIs and businesses | maintaining standards of qualifications awarded | regulation and accountability*  
**Kathryn Marshall**, Senior Apprenticeship Manager, People and Places, Lloyds Banking Group  
**Kashif Taj**, Senior Manager, IBM Apprenticeships Lead and Prevent Deputy, IBM  
**Louis Clark**, Quality Manager, Apprenticeships, University of East London  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Widening access and participation through degree apprenticeships and meeting the needs of the labour market**  
*improving student diversity and outreach to those from underrepresented backgrounds | retention and progression | increasing social mobility through course provision | role in upskilling and improving regional and local economies*  
**Tom Hadley**, Global Workforce Consultant; and Director, Youth Employment UK  
**Marc Rothera**, Strategic Lead, FSE and B&L Apprenticeships, Anglia Ruskin University  
**Anna Morrison**, Director, Amazing Apprenticeships  
**Bethany Taylor**, Solicitor, Eversheds Sutherland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for the provision and awarding of degree apprenticeships moving forward**  
**Darren Shaw**, Head of Community of Practice, Assessment and Assurance, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Jonathan Ledger**, Global Skills and Professional Bodies Specialist, Department for Business and Trade  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Higher Education Forum