

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Priorities for apprenticeships in Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 19th April 2018

Venue: Park Inn Hotel, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2JH



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Adam Price AM, Member, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 9.05 - 9.55 **Assessing the state of skills in Wales - the impact of Brexit and the Apprenticeships Levy**
Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Joint Cabinet Lead for Employment and Skills, Cardiff Capital Region and Leader, WLGA
Simon Pirotte, Principal, Bridgend College
Huw Mathias, Training Delivery Manager, Tata Steel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.45 **Meeting the target of 100,000 apprenticeships - increasing access and maximising benefits to businesses and apprentices**
Gareth Williams, Standards and Qualifications Manager, CITB Wales
Sarah John, National Chair, National Training Federation Wales
Ben Cottam, Head of External Affairs for Wales, Federation of Small Businesses
Sharron Lusher, Principal, Pembrokeshire College
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Adam Price AM, Member, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
David J Rowlands AM, Member, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
- 11.20 - 11.40 **Key issues for apprenticeship regulation: sectoral priorities, the qualification system and responding to evolving business needs in Wales**
Gareth Downey, Senior Qualifications Manager, Qualifications Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.35 **Ensuring quality apprenticeships and the role of higher and degree apprenticeships**
Kevern Kerswell, Chief Executive, Agored Cymru
Carmen Smith, Deputy President, NUS Wales
Kieron Rees, Policy Adviser, Skills, Apprenticeships and Schools, Universities Wales
Steve Williams, Senior Regulation and Strategy Manager, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Kevin Pascoe, Employer Engagement Manager, The Open University in Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for apprenticeships in Wales**
Samantha Huckle, Head of Apprenticeships, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
David J Rowlands AM, Member, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales