

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

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Peter Kennedy**, Senior Policy Manager, Welsh Government
- 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 Policy Manager, CITB Wales  
**Sarah John**, National Chair, National Training Federation Wales  
**Sharron Lusher**, Principal, Pembrokeshire College  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Peter Kennedy**, Senior Policy Manager, Welsh Government
- 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 **Regulating, reviewing and reforming qualifications used in apprenticeships**  
**Gareth Downey**, Senior Manager Vocational Qualifications, Qualifications Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.35 **Ensuring quality apprenticeships and the role of higher and degree apprenticeships**  
**Kieron Rees**, Policy Adviser, Skills, Apprenticeships and Schools, Universities Wales  
**Carmen Smith**, Deputy President, NUS Wales  
**Steve Williams**, Senior Regulation and Strategy Manager, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales  
**Darren Jones**, Employability Coordinator, 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  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales