

## Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar

### Next steps for skills and apprenticeships in Wales - policy, support, post-pandemic recovery, access and inclusion, and meeting future skills needs

Timing: Morning, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor David Healey**, Chair, Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Flintshire County Council
- 9.05 **Skills in Wales and facilitating recovery from the pandemic - productivity, apprenticeships, job creation, support for young people into skilled employment, and growth of flexible working**  
**Simon Biggs**, Early Careers Manager, Renishaw  
**Andy Richardson**, Chair, Food and Drink Industry Board; and Head of Corporate Affairs, Volac  
**Councillor Jane Mudd**, Leader, Newport City Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.05 **Increasing opportunity and boosting access to training and development - raising awareness, tackling inequalities and improving diversity, the use of all-age apprenticeships, and regional approaches**  
**Professor Michael Woods**, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Aberystwyth University  
**Yana Williams**, Chief Executive, Coleg Cambria  
**Arwyn Watkins**, Managing Director, Cambrian Training  
**Dr Francis Cowe**, Director, FE Partnerships and Degree Apprenticeships, University of South Wales  
**Vicki Roskams**, Director, Enbarr Foundation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Councillor David Healey**, Chair, Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Flintshire County Council
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Councillor Jane Mudd**, Leader, Newport City Council
- 11.25 **Emerging skills needs and future-proofing the labour market - digital skills, re-skilling and adapting to the transition to net-zero, and the future for Welsh in the workplace**  
**Gareth Wyn Evans**, Head of Construction Wales Innovation Centre, University of Wales Trinity Saint David  
**Kathryn Robson**, Chief Executive, Adult Learning Wales  
**Rob Harry**, Managing Director, Jubb  
**Sean Lynskey**, Chief Operating Officer, Chetwood Financial  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.25 **'Towards a strategic approach for post-16 qualifications in Wales - challenges, opportunities and priorities'**  
**Cassy Taylor**, Director of Policy and Reform, Qualifications Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Councillor Jane Mudd**, Leader, Newport City Council  
**Beci Rasmussen**, Senior Researcher, Policy Forum for Wales