

## 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

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for skills and apprenticeships in Wales and implementing the Young Person's Guarantee**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **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  
Senior representative, apprenticeship provider  
Senior representative, local authority  
Academic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Next steps for equality, diversity and inclusion in apprenticeships**  
Senior speaker confirmed from **National Training Federation Wales**
- 10.35 **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  
Senior representative, apprenticeship provider  
Senior representative, charity
- 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Sam Rowlands MS**
- 11.40 **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  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, tech  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Supporting young people into rewarding work and next steps for tackling skills gaps**  
**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**  
**Sam Rowlands MS**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales