Westminster Higher Education Forum keynote seminar
Degree apprenticeships in England - next steps for awareness and access, quality and standards, inspection, and contribution to economic recovery
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 6th May 2021
***Taking Place Online***

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8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks
Kim Johnson MP, Member, Education Committee and Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships

9.05 Priorities for expanding and improving the degree apprenticeship offer
Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director for Standards Development, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Delivering degree apprenticeships during the pandemic - remote learning, end-point assessments, and what can be learned going forward
Susanna Lawson, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, OneFile
Gareth Preece, Apprenticeships Project Consultant, New College of the Humanities London, Northeastern University
Rinkal Desai, Senior Teaching Fellow, WMG, University of Warwick
Professor Darryll Bravenboer, Director of Apprenticeships, Middlesex University
Questions and comments from the floor

10.05 Break

10.10 Streamlining the application process and helping students explore wider options
John Cope, Director of Strategy, Policy, & Public Affairs, UCAS

10.20 Marketing and access - priorities for improving awareness of degree apprenticeships, streamlining applications, the use of the apprenticeship levy, and for tackling inequalities and helping drive social mobility
Siobhan Randell, Senior Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager, Multiverse
Liz Mannion, Careers Leader, Richmond School and Sixth Form College
Lucy Hunte, National Programme Manager - Apprenticeships, Health Education England
Dr Raheel Nawaz, Director of Digital and Technology Solutions, and Reader in Analytics, Manchester Metropolitan University

10.40 Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 Chair’s closing remarks
Kim Johnson MP, Member, Education Committee and Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships

11.00 Break

11.10 Chair's opening remarks
Lucy Hunte, National Programme Manager - Apprenticeships, Health Education England

11.15 Maximising the contribution of degree apprenticeships to the employment market - identifying key skill shortage areas, improving co-operation between universities and employers, and levelling up locally
Professor Timothy Quine, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), University of Exeter
Julia Russell, Apprentice Lead, Renishaw
Rosa Wells, Executive Director, Employment & Skills and Institute of Technology, Solihull College & University Centre
Jodi Fair, Manager, Solent Apprenticeship Hub
Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 Break

12.00 Driving up standards and ensuring consistency in quality across apprenticeships
Tom Davidson, Director, Centre for Excellence in Paramedic Practice, University of Cumbria
Alison Cox, Head of Apprenticeships & Stakeholder Engagement, Chartered Management Institute
Viki Faulkner, Head of Apprenticeships, University of Brighton
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Ensuring the quality of degree apprenticeships - experience so far and future outlook
Adrian Anderson, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council
Smita Jamdar, Partner and Head of Education, Shakespeare Martineau and Member, Higher Education Commission
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair’s and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks
Lucy Hunte, National Programme Manager - Apprenticeships, Health Education England
Helen Crocker, Forum Lead, Westminster Higher Education Forum