

Capita's National Conference

Skills and Apprenticeships

Tuesday 16th March 2010 – Central London

Chair: Sue Georgious, Programme Director, QCF and Lifelong Learning, Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency

Speakers Include:

Dr Anthony Mann
Director Policy and Research,
National Education Employer
Partnership Taskforce
**Department for Children,
Schools and Families**

David Cragg
Interim Chief Executive
Skills Funding Agency (SFA)

Stephen Williams MP
Liberal Democrat Shadow
Secretary of State for
Innovation, Universities and
Skills

Richard Marsh
Business Development Director,
Employer Services
**National Apprenticeship
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Michael Davis
Director, Strategy and
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**UK Commission for
Employment and Skills**

Peter Lauener
Chief Executive Designate
**Young People's Learning
Agency (YPLA)**



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"Skills are a key part of our plan for economic recovery and, as such, an urgent challenge. The country's future can only be built by educated, enterprising people with the right skills; the skills demanded by modern work in a globalised economy."

Lord Mandelson, Skills for Growth Strategy, November 2009

Capita's National Skills and Apprenticeships Conference follows the recent publication of the *Skills for Growth Strategy* and the introduction of the *Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act*. It gives delegates in depth advice and guidance on delivering a skills system that responds to the demands of today's job market and is equipped to help drive economic growth going forward.

Opening with a unique opportunity to hear from the three main political parties, this conference provides delegates with insight into their future plans for overhauling the skills system in the UK.

Other core issues to be addressed at the conference include:

- Benefits of a **simplified skills system**
- Implications of the **funding transfer for post-16 learning and skills**
- Ensuring the **supply of skills matches demand** in the local area
- **Engaging employers** in the skills and apprenticeships agenda
- **Empowering adult learners** to equip themselves for future jobs

Bringing together key stakeholders and expert practitioners, this conference offers delegates practical examples to improve and expand skills provision in their own areas.

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Benefits of Attending

- Take the opportunity to **hear from and question key policy makers** involved with implementing the national skills agenda
- Benefit from an **overview of changes to the delivery of 16-19 provision** and clarification of the **roles and responsibilities of the newly established SFA and YPLA**
- Explore plans for **expanding the Advanced Apprenticeship Programme** to tackle the gap in intermediate skills
- Gain advice and practical guidance on **engaging employers to drive and shape provision** which offers a high level of vocational experience and qualifications that deliver real value
- Hear a timely case study emphasising the importance of **increased partnership working with employer-led bodies** to identify skills growth areas for the future
- Identify strategies for improving **delivery of skills provision to adult learners** and those people already in work



Who Should Attend

Representatives involved in further education, learning, employment and skills from:

- Central and Local Government
- Sixth Forms and Colleges
- Learning Providers and Councils
- Regional Development Agencies
- Connexions and Jobcentre Plus
- Private Sector

Including:

- Employment and Training Services
- Education Business Partnerships
- Apprenticeship and Skills Teams
- Careers Teams
- Employment Engagement Teams
- Employment and Enterprise Teams
- Work-Based Learning Teams
- Vocational Learning, Youth Participation and Engagement Teams
- HR and Workforce Development Teams
- Children and Youth Services
- Local Strategic Partnerships
- Education Development Teams
- Education Welfare Teams
- EOTAS Teams
- NEET Teams
- Economic Development Teams
- Social and Rural Enterprise Teams
- Alternative Provision Teams
- 14-19 Partnership Teams
- LEA Teams
- SEN Teams
- Behaviour and Attendance Teams
- Inclusion Teams

Forthcoming Events for 2010

NEETs – 25th January – Manchester

14-19 Reform – 25th February – Manchester

Further Education and Skills Inspections – 19th March – Central London

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Programme

09.20 Registration, Tea and Coffee

09.45 Chair's Opening Remarks

Sue Georgious, Programme Director, QCF and Lifelong Learning Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency

Keynote Session

09.50 **Outlining the Labour Government's Strategy for a World Class Skills System**

Kevin Brennan MP

Minister for Further Education, Skills and Apprenticeships
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (Invited)

10.05 **The Conservative Party's Vision for Transforming Skills, Training and Employability**

John Hayes MP

Conservative Shadow Minister for Lifelong Learning, HE and Skills

10.20 **A Liberal Democrat Approach to Provision of Skills and Apprenticeships**

Stephen Williams MP

Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills

10.35 **Session Questions and Discussion**

10.50 **Improving Quality of Provision through Simplification of the Skills Landscape**

- Making services more responsive to employers' needs
- Integrating delivery of employment and skills services
- Achieving greater impact with fewer public resources

Michael Davis

Director, Strategy and Performance

UK Commission for Employment and Skills

11.10 **Questions and Discussion**

11.20 **Tea and Coffee**

Case Studies

11.50 **Fulfilling the Duty of Local Authorities**

- Working with the community offering apprenticeship opportunities
- Prioritising areas of skills shortage and meeting gaps in the future
- Engaging department heads and managers to use apprentices and placements wherever possible

Anne-Marie Morgan

Principal HR Manager (Partnerships Development)
Lancashire County Council and

Cheryl Jones

Apprenticeship Consultant
London Borough of Bexley

12.20 **Session Questions and Discussion**

12.30 **Lunch**

13.30 **The Post 16 Learning and Skills Funding Transfer – Examining the Roles of the SFA and the YPLA**

Clarification of the complimentary roles, responsibilities and structure of the two agencies and the way in which they will work in partnership with Local Authorities to deliver the post-16 learning and skills agenda.

David Cragg

Interim Chief Executive

The Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and

Peter Lauener

Chief Executive Designate

Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA)

14.00 **Questions and Discussion**

14.10 **Delivering a Skills System Driven by Employer Demand – The Bridging the Gap Initiative**

- Responding to skills gaps and shortages
- Boosting the skills of the sector workforces
- Improving learning supply

David Greer

Chief Executive

Skills for Security

14.30 **Questions and Discussion**

14.40 **Afternoon Tea and Coffee**

15.00 **Creating a Modern Class of Technicians through Expansion of Advanced Apprenticeships**

- Expanding the Apprenticeship Programme
- Ensuring the skills system underwrites the industries of the future
- Delivering skills with real economic value

Richard Marsh

Business Development Director – Employer Services

National Apprenticeship Service

15.20 **Making Partnerships Between Education and Employers Work**

- Engaging businesses in the design and delivery of qualifications
- Equipping students with stronger employability skills
- Educating employers about the benefits of diplomas

Dr Anthony Mann

Director of Policy and Research, National Education Employer Partnership Taskforce

Department for Children, Schools and Families

15.40 **Joint Questions and Discussion**


15.50 **Chair's Closing Remarks and Close of Conference**

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