

Improving Lives: Transforming Disability Employment

Taking place at [110 Rochester Row, Victoria, London, SW1P 1JP](#) | Wednesday 21st February, 2018

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction

⇒ **Sam Windett**, *Head of Policy and Communications, ERSA*

11.05 Morning Session: Transforming Disability Employment and Tailoring Support

- Comprehensive overview of the government's new disability employment strategy
 - How is the strategy different from previous initiatives and what does it mean for disabled people?
 - Update on the *Work and Health Programme* and its impact on disabled people
 - Job readiness: ensuring disabled people are fully prepared for the workplace
 - The role of Jobcentre Plus in delivering tailored support
 - Making sure disabled people find roles that are appropriate and contain the right level of support
 - Helping employees return to work after a period of long term illness
 - The expansion of Disability Employment Advisors and new Community Partners and their role
 - Building skills through part-time work, training and apprenticeships
- ⇒ **Tom Hicks**, *Head of Communications and Policy, Remploy*
- ⇒ **Clare Gray**, *Disability Advocacy Adviser, Shaw Trust*
- ⇒ **Philip Connolly**, *Policy and Development Manager, Disability Rights UK*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14:00 Afternoon Good Practice Session

- Exploring best practice in disability employment
 - Working in partnership: Collaborative joined up working with local partners, local authorities, charities and employers
 - Helping disabled people meet needs such as housing and childcare
 - Matching disabled people with employers
 - Providing in-work support
- ⇒ **Diane Lightfoot**, *Chief Executive Officer, Business Disability Forum*
- ⇒ **Geraldine Scott-Smith**, *Communications and Public Affairs Manager, Pluss*
- ⇒ **Teresa Scott**, *CEO, Kennedy Scott*

15.30 Event Close

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