

Next Steps for the Apprenticeships Programme:

Assessing the Progress and Improving the Quality of Apprenticeships

Taking place in Central London (Zone 1, venue to be confirmed) | Wednesday, 12 June 2019

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction

11.05 **Keynote session: The NAO's [report](#) on the apprenticeships programme: key findings and conclusions**

⇒ *Phil Hyde, Audit Manager, Education VFM Team, National Audit Office*

11.45 **Key policy challenges of the apprenticeships programme**

- How the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education is ensuring quality, consistency and credibility of apprenticeships
- Ensuring apprentices are spending 20% of their time on off-the-job-training
- Meeting the skills needs of employers
- Widening Participation and Access to underrepresented groups
- Understanding the move from 'framework starts' to 'starts on standard'
- Evaluating the impact of the introduction of standards and the consequences of higher-level apprenticeship starts
- Wider technical education reforms: Post-16 Skills Plan & T-Levels

⇒ *Ed Richardson, Senior Policy Adviser for Education and Skills, CBI*

⇒ *Sandra McNally, Director of Centre for Vocational Education Research (CVER) London School of Economics*

⇒ *David Warnes, Managing Director, Evolve Learning Group*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 **How providers and employers are overcoming challenges to provide high-quality apprenticeships and encouraging take up**

- Overcoming issues facing colleges and training providers
- Ensuring funding is directed at entry apprenticeships for young people who need it most
- Ensuring buy-in from employers
- Widening participation in your apprenticeship programmes: going beyond the DfE targets
- Improving your Ofsted rating and preparing for an inspection
- Forming 'trailblazer groups' and gaining approval from the Institute

⇒ *Teresa Frith, Senior Skills Policy Manager, Association of Colleges*

⇒ *Jessica Bushell, Employer Engagement Strategy Senior Manager, Education and Skills Funding Agency*

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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