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Delivering global skills best practice to build back better

PROGRAMME

Day One

10.00 – 10.30

Welcome and opening address

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster and Host
Dr Neil Bentley-Gockmann OBE, CEO, WorldSkills UK

11.15 – 12.00

Delivering skills excellence opportunities for all

Shane Mann, Managing Director, Lsect

Interview and Q&A Sponsored by **BAE SYSTEMS**

The Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP, Chair, Education Select Committee
The Rt Hon Anne Milton, Former Skills Minister

13.00 – 13.45

Supporting young people and the economy through world-class apprenticeships

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster, Host

Panel session and Q&A Sponsored by **BAE SYSTEMS**

Liz Pollard, Managing Director, Shared Services, BAE Systems
Colin Hagan, Managing Director, Riverpark Training
Angela Joyce, Group Principal and CEO, Warwickshire College Group

14.00 – 14.45

Developing digital skills to boost international investment

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster, Host

Panel session and Q&A

Philipp Mueller, Education Manager, Autodesk
Michael McGuire, Lecturer in Computer Aided Architectural Design & Technology, New College Lanarkshire

15.00 – 15.45

Using international benchmarking in skills to drive productivity

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster, Host

Panel session and Q&A

Paul Fitzpatrick, General Manager, Toyota Apprenticeship Programme
Babak Jahanbani, Head of Learning Systems, Festo Didactic

Day Two

09.30 – 10.00

Opening remarks

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster and Host

Interview and Q&A

Ken Skates MS, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales
Marion Plant, Principal and Chief Executive, North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College
Ben Blackledge, Deputy CEO, WorldSkills UK

10.00 – 10.45

Where and what next for global skills excellence?

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster and Host

Panel session and Q&A

Emma Meredith, International Director, Association of Colleges
San-Quei Lin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labor, Chinese Taipei
Trevor Schwenke, CEO, WorldSkills Australia
Nazrene Mannie, Executive Director, GAN Global

12.00 – 12.45

The WorldSkills Legacy – how to embed excellence across the skills systems

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster and Host

Panel session and Q&A

Chris Humphries, President, WorldSkills
Dr Susan James Relly, Deputy Director, SKOPE, University of Oxford
Dr Neil Bentley-Gockmann OBE, CEO, WorldSkills UK

13.00 – 13.45

Using international expertise to boost standards in technical education

Julia Belgutay, Head of FE, TES

Panel session and Q&A

David Gallagher, Chief Executive, NCFE
Paul Joyce, FE Director, Ofsted
Parisa Shirazi, Head of Skills Development & International Competitions, WorldSkills UK
Barry Skea, Head of Faculty: Engineering & Automotive, New College Lanarkshire

13.45 – 13.50

Closing remarks

Simon Lederman, Broadcaster and Host
Dr Neil Bentley-Gockmann OBE, CEO, WorldSkills UK

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SPEAKERS



Simon Lederman is an award winning presenter and broadcaster.

He's presented all-news shows on BBC Radio 5 Live, reported live on the BBC Asian Network, BBC World, BBC News Channel, BBC Breakfast and BBC Scotland and into the Jeremy Vine Show on BBC Radio 2.

He's appeared on almost all the BBCs 'big city' radio stations including BBC Radio London.

Simon was in Kazan for WorldSkills 2019 and presented live coverage of the opening and closing ceremonies. He also attended WorldSkills Live 2019 at Birmingham's NEC.



Dr Neil Bentley-Gockmann OBE, CEO, WorldSkills UK

Neil has been at WorldSkills UK since November 2015.

Before joining WorldSkills UK, Neil was previously Deputy Director-General and Chief Operating Officer at the CBI, the UK's premier business organisation. He worked for 12 years at the highest level of the business and government interface nationally and internationally on issues such as trade and investment, diversity, skills and employment, public service reform and energy, climate change and infrastructure development.

Prior to his time at the CBI, Neil worked at global IT services provider EDS (now part of HP) advising on the employee relations implications of outsourcing, trade union relations, training and diversity across EMEA.

Neil was also the former CE of OUTstanding, a business network for LGBT leaders and their allies, and deputy chair of Stonewall, the LGBT equality charity. He holds a PhD in race equality in the workplace and was awarded his OBE for services to equality in business in the 2019 New Year's Honours List.



Rt Hon Anne Milton

Elected as MP for Guildford in 2005, Anne served on the Health Select Committee, was Shadow Minister for Tourism, Gambling and Licensing, and then Shadow Minister for Health.

She was appointed Minister for Public Health in 2010 in the new Coalition Government. She also served 5 years in the Government Whips Office from 2012, was the first female Deputy Chief Whip, and was appointed Minister for Skills and Apprenticeships in 2017. She resigned from her post in 2019.

Anne was one of the 21 Conservatives who lost the Whip and stood as an Independent candidate in the 2019 General Election.

Anne now works with the Further Education sector and maintains an interest in Public Health.

Anne was also a borough councillor for five years, and trained as a nurse working in the NHS for 25 years.



Shane Mann, Managing Director, Lsect

Shane Mann is the managing director of Lsect Ltd, an organisation which specialises in publishing, events, post-16 funding, performance and data within the learning and skills sector. Shane is the publisher of the newspaper titles, Schools Week & FE Week, and director of the prestigious Festival of Education. Shane is also a Trustee of the Teaching Awards Trust, which operates the National Teaching Awards and Thank A Teacher campaign.



Paul Fitzpatrick, General Manager, Toyota Apprenticeship Programme

Paul joined Toyota UK in 1991 as a Team Leader in Quality Assurance Division. As his career progressed he worked in Engineering, New Vehicle Project, Supplier Development and Product Inspection & Testing. He also managed the Vehicle Manufacturing Assembly Plant.

In 2008, Paul joined the HR team and in his role he is responsible for Headcount Planning, Resourcing, Talent Development, Professional Development and the Apprentice Development Centre. This role also involves supporting local industry, Education and Community Partners. Over the last 10 years Paul has supported as a Schools Governor in the local area.

In addition he has actively supported Derby YMCA through the Toyota/SMMT Working Assets Programme, local fundraising and Apprentice volunteering projects to support the local YMCA and wider community.

In 2018 Paul was recognised by SEMTA for his work related to education and skills and was awarded the National Skills Champion.



Paul Joyce, FE Director, Ofsted

Paul Joyce is one of Her Majesty's Inspectors and is the Deputy Director for Further Education & Skills. Paul joined Ofsted in 2005 as HMI having previously worked within the Further Education and Skills sector in both general and specialist further education colleges. Immediately prior to working for Ofsted, Paul was a consultant for the former Department for Education and Skills and worked on national initiatives supporting improvements to teaching and learning and in leadership and management. Paul has significant inspection experience in both the schools and further education and skills remits and prior to being appointed Deputy Director was a Senior HMI with responsibility for the college inspection programme nationally.



Marion Plant, Principal and Chief Executive, North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College

Marion Plant is Principal and Chief Executive of NWSLC and Chief Executive of the Midland Academies Trust which is responsible for four secondary schools. Marion also served a three-year term as a non-executive director at the Department for Education. In March 2018 Marion was awarded the 'Business Woman of the Year Award' by the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce and in September 2019 was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Leicestershire Live Women in Business Awards, devised to celebrate the outstanding achievements of female professionals in the region.



Ben Blackledge, Deputy CEO, WorldSkills UK

Having held senior policy roles within government and not for profit organisations, Ben is responsible for driving WorldSkills UK's programme of work both in the UK and internationally. Working in partnership with representatives from government, industry and education, he leads on the UK-wide initiative to embed skills competitions methodology into apprenticeship and training programmes, raising standards and ensuring more young people are being equipped with the right skills to help businesses better compete globally.

Overseeing the programme of national skills competitions, Ben also ensures that the UK remains at the forefront of international skills development in his role of Technical Delegate at WorldSkills Europe and WorldSkills.



Emma Meredith, International Director, Association of Colleges

Emma has been involved in UK-international education since 2002. She has worked in the public, private, university and college sectors in locations across England and Scotland. At AoC Emma is responsible for supporting colleges with their international strategies and for leading AoC's international policy work with Government. She represents colleges on advisory groups with the Home Office, Department for International Trade and the British Council. WorldSkills competitions and Brexit are also in her remit. Emma joined AoC from Edinburgh College where she managed the international portfolio and ESOL curriculum. She graduated in French and Spanish from the University of Cambridge after studying at her local sixth form college.



San-Quei Lin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labor, Chinese Taipei

Mr Lin is incumbent Vice Minister of Labor, Board Member for Strategic Development of WorldSkills International, and Vice President for External Affairs of WorldSkills Asia.

Mr Lin has devoted his entire career to the labor issues for more than three decades. In the early years, he served as Labor Attaché in Washington D.C. and European Union respectively.

Mr. Lin specializes in international relations, skills development, skills certification, skills competition, employment and vocational training, labor safe and health, foreign aid and international cooperation, and leadership and management. He has conceptualized and initiated a spectrum of policy and programmes with WSI Board to upskill the world since 2012.

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