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## Delivering global skills best practice to build back better

### PROGRAMME

#### Day One

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- 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

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- 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 Rely, 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.



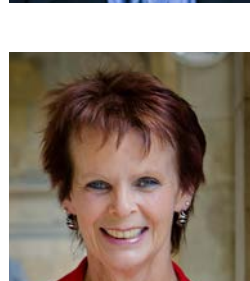
### **Shane Mann, Managing Director, Lsect**

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.



### **The Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP, Chair, Education Select Committee**

Robert Halfon was appointed Minister of State at the Department for Education on 17 July 2016. He was elected Conservative MP for Harlow in May 2010.



### **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 five 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.



### **Angela Joyce, Chief Executive Warwickshire College Group (WCG)**

WCG is one of the largest and most successful College Groups in the country with seven Colleges based across the West Midlands. Since Angela's appointment, the Group has grown and has had successful outcomes from both Ofsted inspection and QAA Review. Angela was previously Principal and Chief Executive at Peterborough Regional College.

Angela is a Board Director of Landex and the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). She is also a member of the Employment and Skills Boards for both the Worcestershire LEP and Coventry and Warwickshire LEP, a Careers and Enterprise Company Ambassador, a CBI Regional Director and Chair of the Midlands Engine Skills Group. She is also a CMI Chartered Manager and became a Companion of the CMI in 2018.



### **Michael McGuire, Lecturer in Computer Aided Architectural Design & Technology, New College Lanarkshire**

An Architectural Technologist with 19 years' experience leading the design and delivery of ground-breaking digital construction education. Having served an apprenticeship and worked as a structural fabricator for twelve years. He joined New College Lanarkshire in 2001 where he identified a need for a new digital construction course, and as part of the Scottish Qualifications Authority development team, he led in the development of some innovative new courses. The students from these courses have twice won the WorldSkills UK BIM (Building Information Modelling) competition and his college course just won the BIM Show Live, best BIM Training Programme. On the back of all this success, Michael was recently appointed as the Training Manager for the WorldSkills UK BIM Squad.



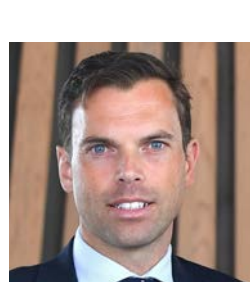
### **Paul Fitzpatrick, General Manager, Toyota Apprenticeship Programme**

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 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 ten 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.



### **Ken Skates, Minister for Economy, Transport & North Wales.**

Ken's policy interests include manufacturing, mental health, sport and leisure, eliminating poverty and political economy. His political interests include skills training, tourism, environmental protection, mental health, sport and fitness and social inclusion.

In June 2013 he was appointed Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology. In September 2014, Ken was appointed Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. In May 2016 he was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure.

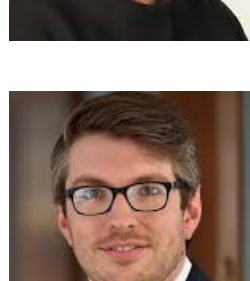
Ken was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport on 3 November 2017.

On 13 December 2018 Ken was appointed Minister for Economy and Transport.



### **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**

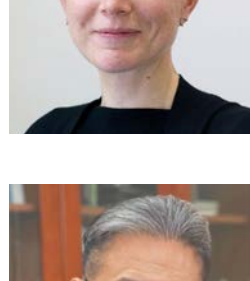
Having held senior policy roles within government and not for profit organisations, Ben is responsible for driving WorldSkills UK's programme of work both in the UK and internationally. Working in partnership with representatives from government, industry and education, he leads on the UK-wide initiative 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.

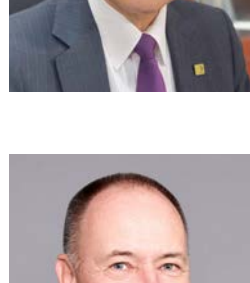


### **San-Quei Lin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labor, Chinese Taipei**

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.

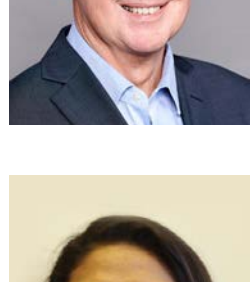
Mr Lin has devoted his entire career to the labor issues for more than three decades. In the early years, he served as Labor Attaché in Washington D.C. and European countries.

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 conceptualised and initiated a spectrum of policy and programmes with WSI Board to upskill the world since 2012.



### **Trevor Schwenke, CEO, WorldSkills Australia**

Trevor is the current Chief Executive Officer of WorldSkills Australia and has spent some 30 years as a volunteer within the WorldSkills family. He has more than 24 years' experience in key leadership roles in the vocational education and training, higher education, school and corporate sectors. In 2013 Trevor was recognised as the Queensland Professional Manager of the Year by the Australian Institute of Management. Trevor began his career as a tradesman (Boilermaker Welder) and holds qualifications in Engineering, Education and Online Learning. He is a previous CEO and General Manager within the TAFE sector across both Queensland and Victoria. Trevor has held several board positions and is passionate about skills and training.



### **Nazrene Mannie, Executive Director, GAN Global**

Nazrene Mannie is the Executive Director of GAN Global, a specialist in the field of social policy focusing on youth employment and skills development. Nazrene joined GAN Global in August 2019. Since her arrival, she has been appointed as a Geneva Champion and has worked closely with organisations such as the Global Alliance for Youth, private sector companies and international development entities such as the ILO, World Bank, IOE, UNESCO and OECD to drive forward the agenda for agile workforce development within the context of the Future of Work.

Nazrene has worked for a range of key multi-sector organisations in South Africa and has engaged in several international projects including working with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), UNESCO, EU and the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) on social policy and labour support. Nazrene has been involved in the design and delivery of skills development and VET projects across several countries and has engaged in field work and policy advocacy in support of youth employment, workforce development institutional within the 16 GAN Global networks.



### **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.

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