

**Westminster Employment Forum policy conference:
Next steps for developing green skills and employment opportunities in England**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Bill Esterson MP, Chair, Energy Security and Net Zero Committee
- 9.05 **Assessing the current green skills landscape and identifying areas for expansion**
Sarah Mukherjee, CEO, Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
- 9.20 **Key labour market, skills and workforce priorities for the green economy moving forward**
fulfilling future job requirements in the green sector | assessing immediate skills gaps and long-term plans to grow the green skills economy
Dr Marie-Laure Hicks, Head of Policy, Aldersgate Group
Lewis Cooper, Director, Public Affairs and Campaigns, Association of Colleges
Sarah Kostense-Winterton, Chair, Energy Efficiency Infrastructure Group
Jurga McCluskey, Partner, Global Employer Services, Tax and Immigration, Deloitte
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 **Assessing the potential impact of Skills England on local and national green skills gaps**
priorities for Skills England and its implementation | simplifying the green skills qualification landscape | potential impact of the English Devolution Bill on the identification and fulfilment of skills gaps | best practice in aligning funding | qualification options and training opportunities
Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council
Matthew Adams, Transport Policy Manager, Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology
Stephen Barrett, Director, Membership and Strategic Engagement, Energy and Utility Skills
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Bill Esterson MP, Chair, Energy Security and Net Zero Committee
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chair to be announced
- 11.00 **Strategies to increase participation in the green labour market**
priorities for targeting underrepresented groups and widening diversity in green jobs | improving partnerships between education providers and employers to upskill the existing workforce | assessing the impact of recruitment campaigns and approaches going forward | qualification options for upskilling workers | identifying barriers to participation | aligning training programmes with need and policy
Dr Adam Read, Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK
Steve Coulter, Head, Economy, Green Alliance
Jo Burgess, Director, Professional Apprenticeships, Teesside University
Senior representative, FE provider
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **The future for funding and investment to support green industry growth and employment**
assessing the potential impact of the National Wealth Fund | strategies to attract public and private finance | targeting investment to priority sectors and regions | preparing for future labour market requirements | the role of local government in local workforce development
Maria Gonella, Managing Partner, Quantum Group
James Milne, Agricultural Regional Manager, Barclays
Senior representative, local authority
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for addressing local and national skills gaps in green industries**
Hugo Jones, Deputy Director, Green Growth, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**
Chair to be announced
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Employment Forum