

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Priorities for skills and apprenticeships in Northern Ireland: key issues for business, developing partnerships and the future for policy**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018*

*Venue: Belfast*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Policy priorities for skills and apprenticeships in Northern Ireland**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for the Economy**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.20 **Meeting Northern Ireland's skills needs - business priorities, impact of the Levy and the future for key sector workforce**  
**Gareth Hetherington**, Associate Director, Ulster University Economic Policy Centre  
**Sam Davidson**, Chair, Employment and Skills Forum, CBI and Group HR Director, Henderson Group  
Senior representative, public sector employer  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.45 **Lessons in apprenticeship policy from outside NI**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.25 - 12.20 **Delivering high quality apprenticeships: qualifications, careers and building effective pathways**  
**Colin Hagan**, Managing Director, Riverpark Training  
**Michael Kane**, Director, PwC  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, further education  
Senior representative, higher education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 - 12.55 **Promoting diversity and social mobility and meeting the needs of apprentices**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Institution of Civil Engineers**  
Senior representative, further education  
Apprentice  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly  
**Roger Greer**, Senior Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland