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National Conference
Wednesday 6 November 2024

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08.30 - 09.30	Hall 10	Breakfast, exhibition and networking
	Hall 9	Welcome and housekeeping Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee Chief Executive UVAC Professor Graham Baldwin VC University of Central Lancashire and UVAC Chair Emcee for the day is Simon Lederman Journalist and Presenter
		KEYNOTE PRESENTATION <i>Force for impact: a report on the impact of Manchester Metropolitan University's degree apprenticeships for apprentices, employers and the wider economy</i> Liz Gorb MBE Director of Apprenticeships Manchester Metropolitan University James Walker Deputy Director of Apprenticeships Manchester Metropolitan University
		KEYNOTE PRESENTATION <i>The plan for skills in the West Midlands/national economy including the need for progression pathways into the professions for all types of learners</i> Richard Parker Metro Mayor for West Midlands West Midlands Combined Authority
		KEYNOTE WORKSHOP <i>Learning needs assessment in apprenticeships</i> Russell Edwards Account Director Aptem - Headline Sponsor David Lockhart-Hawkins Managing Director Lockhart-Hawkins Limited
		KEYNOTE PANEL <i>Panel discussion - addressing the challenges in delivering degree apprenticeships</i> Dr Fiona Aldridge Chief Executive Officer Skills Federation Steven Willis Middlesex University Alex Morrison BNU Mark Fitzgerald ACE360
		KEYNOTE PRESENTATION <i>Ensuring the financial viability of degree apprenticeships as part of a sustainable, growth-driven, skills strategy</i> Professor Deborah Johnston MBE Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Framework) London South Bank University

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11.35 - 11.55 Hall 10
REFRESHMENTS BREAK & EXHIBITION

11.55 - 12.45	Breakout session A
WORKSHOP 1 Hall 9	How to attract and engage employers to recruit apprenticeships Susanna Lawson Founder One File Ltd
WORKSHOP 2 Hall 11a	A practical application of AI: a structured way to explore enhancements to the UVAC website and knowledgebase using a custom generative AI solution to provide immediate contextualised natural language responses Phil Sanders Co-Founder & Commercial Director Director of PS EdTech consultancy practice Jonathan Rogers Co-Founder & Technical Director Instro AI Solutions
WORKSHOP 3 11b	When worlds collide – the realities of managing triple regulation in degree apprenticeships Adam Greenwood Associate Director University Degree Apprenticeships Leeds Beckett University Dr Rihana Ishaq School Head of Degree Apprenticeships Leeds Beckett University
WORKSHOP 4 Hall 6	Degree Apprentices for all – reflections on recruitment and practice for diverse learners Sam Moorwood Head of Worked Based Learning Sheffield Hallam University Charlynn Pullen Principal Research Fellow Sheffield Hallam University

12.45 - 13.45
LUNCH SERVED IN ATRIUM

13.45 - 14.35	Breakout session B
WORKSHOP 5 Hall 9	Mainstreaming international best practice: developing skills excellence Laura Leong High Performance Skills Coach WorldSkills UK
WORKSHOP 6 Hall 11a	Managing the accountability framework risks - practical advice on strengthening your position David Lockhart-Hawkins Tim Chewter Strategic Development Network (SDN)
WORKSHOP 7 Hall 11b	Financial viability of degree apprenticeships Professor Rachael Johnstone Dean of Professional Education and Partnerships & Director of the Centre for Degree Partnerships Dan Hallam Head of Degree Apprenticeships Exeter University
WORKSHOP 8 Hall 6	Recognising prior experiential learning (in degree apprenticeships): new ways of thinking - Why we should, why we aren't, and how we could be doing it Dr Sarah Bloomfield Senior Lecturer in Work and Organisational Learning, and the Qualification Lead for the Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship (CMDA) Open University Dr Joanna Booth Principal Lecturer - Management Nottingham Trent University Dr Helen Pokorny Learning and Teaching Specialist and Academic Development Lead (Apprenticeships & Professional Programmes) University of Hertfordshire Associate Professor Dr Trevor Brown Reader in Strategic Practice and Apprenticeships Manchester Met University Victoria Rosamond Programme Lead, Management Apprenticeships University of Derby

14.35 - 15.25	Breakout session C
WORKSHOP 9 Hall 9	Advancing technical careers: The role of T level industry placements in higher education Jo Hartley-Metcalf Universities T Level Support Manager UK Institute for Technical Skills and Strategy
WORKSHOP 10 Hall 11a	How to support the development of digital competencies in HE professionals Breda Leyne Director Cogito Development Projects Ltd Alex Sloan Senior Associate Consultant GenIE Rob Allison Associate Consultant Cogito Development Projects Ltd
WORKSHOP 11 Hall 11b	Professions development pathways: a PSRB perspective on assessment Dr Stan Lester Sole principal Stan Lester Developments
WORKSHOP 12 Hall 6	Degree apprenticeships in England: what can we learn from the experiences of apprentices, employers and HE providers?" Katherine Emms Senior Education & Policy Researcher Dr Joshua Patel Researcher Dr Andrea Laczik Director of Research Edge Foundation

15.25 - 15.45 Hall 10
REFRESHMENTS BREAK & EXHIBITION

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS Hall 9	World-class institutions delivering world-class skills Ben Blackledge CEO WorldSkills UK OfS insights from funding and EPA activity Alastair Wilson Head of Student Pathways and Progression Office for Students Jessica Wood Head of Strategy Office for Students 'Big Listen' learnings: potential changes and inspection outcomes in HE Kerry Boffey Founder Fellowship of Inspection Nominees (FIN) Reflections on level 7 announcements Petra Wilton CMI Headline Sponsor Closing remarks Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee CEX UVAC
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17.00 - 18.00 DRINKS RECEPTION IN THE ATRIUM
18.00 CONFERENCE CLOSES