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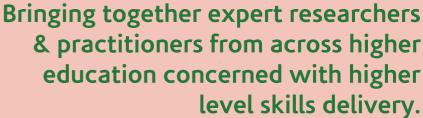
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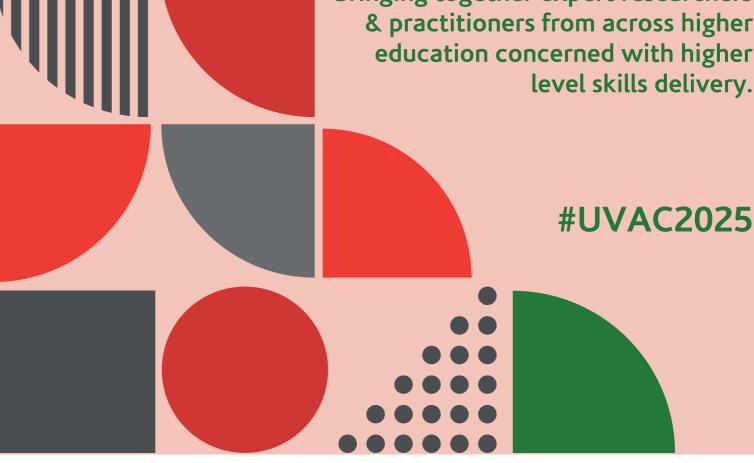


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Morning

Afternoon

08.00 - 09.00 Hall 10 Breakfast, Exhibition and Networking 09.00 - 09.15 Hall 9 Welcome and Housekeeping 09.15 - 09.55 KEYNOTE Headline sponsor Aptem High-impact progress reviews in University

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11.00 - 11.50	Workshop Session A	11.55 - 12.4	45 Workshop Session B
Hall 9	World Skills UK endorsed competitions for higher & degree apprentices Professor Sarah Tudor Head of Assessment and Progression, Director of the WorldSkills UK endorsed competition at the University of Exeter	Hall 9	Navigating complexity with employers: Strategic workforce strategies in an era of change Mark Hayes Director Mike Craig Head of Sales and Accounts THINK
Hall 11a	Assuring standards in times of change: Co-creating a blueprint for quality, consistency, and change Dr Nicky Westwood UVAC Associate Julie Stone Consultant Phil Sanders Consultant	Hall 11a	Navigating Change: Empowering insights around workplace mentorship through a World Café Abigail Salter Lecturer in Policing Organisation and Practice Dr Sarah Bloomfield Senior Lecturer in Work and Organisational Learning Evelyn Mooney Programme Leader WELS, School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care (HWSC) Open University
Hall 11b	End point assessment – Out of the melting pot Sam Moorwood Associate Director of Skills Sheffield Hallam University	Hall 11b	Addressing policy misconceptions about mature learners and university approaches Dr Trevor A Brown Reader in Strategic Practice and Apprenticeships Richard Griffin Senior Lecturer & Assessment Lead Manchester Metropolitan University

13.30 - 14.20	Workshop Session C
Hall 9	The evolving apprenticeship workforce: Navigating change in tripartite roles Dr Nicky Westwood UVAC Associate Dr Helen Charlton Head of Executive Education Northumbria University Business School Dr Phil Power-Mason Head of Strategic Management Hertfordshire Business School
Hall 11a	Not just another spreadsheet: Streamlining management Dr Cliona O'Dunlaing Dean, School of Apprenticeships Lauren Spurling Head of Apprenticeship Academic Quality Anglia Ruskin University
Hall 11b	The constant in a shifting landscape: the value of work-related co-created practice development in degree apprenticeships Jackie Whitehouse Head of Work-based Learning Laura Yetton Programme Manager University of Warwick

apprenticeship provision

09:55 - 10.15 KEYNOTE

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Richard Guy THINK

English devolution

James Farr | Director

Sean Baker | New Business Sales Director | Aptem

Ready for roll out - practical realities of the renewed

Chris Cherry | Strategic Associate | SDN Mesma

inspection framework for higher education
Kerry Boffey | CEO | Adult Learning Improvement
Network (ALIN) & Fellowship of Inspection Nominees

Region to be cheerful? Exploring the role for vocational HE and apprenticeships within

14.35 - 15.15 Hall 9	KEYNOTE From policy to practice: Reimagining apprenticeships through the lens of diversity and inclusion Pete Milsom UCAS Shona Taylor Business Engagement Manager: Early Careers and Apprenticeships
	Larry Gareers and Apprenticeships
15.15 - 15.55 Hall 9	KEYNOTE Headline sponsor ACE360 Apprenticeships policy – Making it work for employers - panel discussion Dr Fiona Aldridge CEO Skills Federation Alison Morris Director of Policy Skills Federation Kim Hardman Director of Apprenticeships & UK Work Experience Astra Zenica Alison Housman Policy Executive Financial Services Skills Commission Kate Young Policy Manager Enginuity
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15.55 - 16.35 Hall 9 KEYNOTE From start-up to scale-up Gosia Lasota Assistant Director Dr Cliona O'Dunlaing Dean, School of Apprenticeships Anglia Ruskin University
16.35 - 17.00 Hall 9 KEYNOTE Registeration sponsor BUD Change is here: How technology is shaping HE vocational learning today and tomorrow John Ingram CEO BUD
Hall 9 Closing remarks Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee Chief Executive UVAC

17.00 - 18.00 *Drinks reception*

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