



Time	Session title
09.30-10.00	Registration, refreshments and networking
10.00	Welcome, introduction and context setting Connecting tertiary education and building inclusive pathways to raise standards, champion future skills, and deliver UK further and higher technical skills excellence Dr Mandy Crawford Lee-Chief Executive, UVAC
10.15	Engineering Futures: From Pipeline to Workforce- Meeting the UK's Skills Needs David Grailey-Managing Director, MTC
10:25	Advancing Equity, Celebrating Diversity: Inclusive Visions and Innovative Solutions Cerian Ayres-UVAC Associate-International Fiona McGarry-Sector Engagement Manager, Enginuity Rosa Wells-FE Principal and Dean for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, University College Birmingham, Chair National Network of Institutes of Technology
11:05	Workforce Foresighting to build capacity and meet industry needs: People and Technology Roadmaps Emily Brenan-Communications Manager, Manufacturing Technology Centre, Workforce Foresighting Hub Satchin Duneeka Semage-Future Skills Advisor, Workforce Foresighting Hub, Manufacturing Technology Centre Pete Osborne-Professor of Advanced Manufacturing, University of Sheffield AMRC and Director of Innovation Launchpad
11.45:12:00 Break	
12:00	Inclusive digital transformation solutions in education, and key industry growth sectors Steve Mariadas-Director, South West Institute of Technology Professor Stephen Hilton-Professor of Chemistry and Enabling Technologies, University College London Dr Blanka Hilton-Lecturer, VR Lead and School Deputy Director of Graduate Research Studies for Natural Sciences University of Kent
12:40	Panel - Leveraging diversity and inclusion to address the UK's skills challenge 1 million Engineers & 900,000 Skilled Workers Needed: Can Inclusive Strategies Close the UK's Skills Gap by 2030? Chair-Jeff Greenidge-Association of Colleges Dr Mandy Crawford Lee-Chief Executive, UVAC Professor Rosa Wells-FE Principal and Dean for Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths, University College Birmingham, Chair National Network of Institutes of Technology Alison Morris-Director of Policy, Skills Federation Foundation Lydia Amarquaye-Education and Skills Policy Lead, IMechE Derek Cockfield-Senior Strategic Partnerships Manager, WorldSkills UK Sophie Hall-Research Manager, Youth Futures Foundation Hayley Cooney-Apprentice Development Manager, Manchester Metropolitan University 2025 WorldSkills UK EDI Heroes Award Winners- Institution of the Year
13.35- 14.30 Lunch and networking	
14.30	People and place: Creating ladders of opportunity so that no one gets left behind Darran Marks-Operations Director at Greater Birmingham and Solihull Institute of Technology Hamidreza Jafarnejad-HE Curriculum Leader Engineering, South Yorkshire Institute of Technology National Network of Institutes of Technology Dr Sam Holland-Apprentice and Employer Engagement Fellow, Apprenticeship Unit, Manchester Metropolitan University 2025 WorldSkills UK EDI Heroes Award Winners- Institution of the Year
14:50	Supporting and growing talent from Early Careers onwards, a whole organisational approach George Jenkins-Advanced Technology Project Lead -Skills, National Composite Centre
15:10	From Green Confetti to Green Mindset Dr Lou Mycroft-Green Changemaker, Author, Researcher, TEDx Speaker and Mentor
15.45-15.55 Break	
15.55	Enhancing learning opportunities to inspire skills excellence Rachel Bradford-Specialist Inclusive Learning Coordinator, MTC Training Rana Elfana-SITEC Project Lead, ETF and Royal Commission Technical Teaching Fellow, North Hertfordshire College
16.25	Plenary, evaluation and next steps!
16.30	Staying at the forefront of innovation- turning great ideas into reality. An opportunity to visit the Innovation Hub at MTC (NB. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please read the requirements regarding security)