



Time	Session title
09.30	Registration, refreshments and networking
10.00	Welcome, introduction and context setting Unlocking the UK's potential: Bridging systems and connecting tertiary education 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	Exploring curiosity-driven research, skills, and technologies to meet industry needs, while securing a greener more sustainable future (Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult) Chong NG- Senior Associate Director, Applied Research, ORE Catapult
10:40	Offshore Renewable Energy Horizons: Powering the future of clean energy (Industry- led panel) Chair- Thomas Wildsmith- Head of Strategic Business Development, ORE Catapult Mark David- North East Automotive Alliance (NEAA) Chris Thompson- Chief Executive Officer, Epic Innovation
11:10	Clean Energy - A journey of discovery: Destination Net Zero (Connecting workforce development with the wider research and innovation ecosystem to build an industrial skills base fit for the future.) Professor Roberto Palacin- Academic Director for Electrification (SAgE)
11:35	Break
11:50	Equipping the workforce to thrive in the industries of today and tomorrow- The Energy Mix! (Bringing education & industry closer together to co-design innovative solutions, raise standards, and champion future skills.) Danielle Portsmouth-FutureSkills Lead, ORE Catapult, joined by colleagues from Newcastle and Durham Universities
12.30	Pride in professionalism: Inspiring technical skills excellence- from extraordinary to everyday! Cerian Ayres- Associate- International, UVAC Owen McAteer-Sector Engagement Lead, Enginuity
13:00	Lunch and networking
13:50	Staying at the forefront of innovation- turning great ideas into reality. Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult Site Tour
14:50	Digital transformation solutions in education, and key industry growth sectors Stephen Hilton, Professor of Chemistry and Enabling Technologies, University College London Calum Knott, Didactic Services Limited, WorldSkills UK Expert- Mechatronics Chris Fairclough- Lecturer, Lead Technical Engineer and ETF and Royal Commission Technical Teaching Fellow
15.30	People, Place, Pathways and Possibilities: Building Ladders of Opportunity for All (Speaker Introductions) Chair: Professor Rene Koglbauer, Dean of Lifelong Learning and Professional Practice, Director of Educational Leadership Centre, Professor of Professional Learning and Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Grant- Director, North East Institute of Technology • Babak Johnabani- Director, Didactic Services Ltd, WorldSkills UK CoP • Owen McAteer- Sector Engagement Lead, Enginuity • tbc -STEM Driving • Hamidreza Jafarnejad- Partnerships and Outreach Director, Didactic Services Ltd • Kim Smith- Regional Lead Technical Education and Enterprise, North East Combined Authority • Paul Butler, Chief Executive Officer, North East Automotive Alliance (NEAA) • Gary Potts- Deputy Principal, Middlesbrough College, Chair of Energi Coast Skills Group
	Break
	People, Place, Pathways and Possibilities: Building Ladders of Opportunity for All (Discussion)
16.25	Plenary, evaluation and next steps!
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