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“A Conversation of Two Halves” Sponsored by Think

	Detail	Speakers
0930-1000	Arrival, refreshments and networking	
1000-1100	Welcome Policy and Funding Insights	Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee UVAC & James Farr Think...
Morning	Higher technical education through the PM's lens	
	Provocations and discussion - How can the new Prime Minister's plans for increased localisation of education impact and further develop regional HEI/FE's growth and collaboration strategies? - What can we learn from vocational, technical and professional education across our institutions to showcase the quality and develop wider pan-institution and pan-region strategies?	
1100-1245	Local Perspectives Facilitated by Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee <i>England's universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) have long responded to national economic and skills policy. Increasingly, they must also respond to place. A changing landscape has important implications for higher education. Universities are no longer expected simply to respond to individual student needs. Increasingly, they are expected to contribute to regional productivity, support innovation, develop local workforce capability and work alongside employers, public services and regional leaders to address place-specific economic challenges.</i>	Prof. Marc Griffiths PVC Regional Partnerships and Engagement, UWE Prof. Rachael Johnstone Dean of Professional Education and Partnerships and Director of the Centre for Degree Partnerships, University of Exeter Dionne Lee Head of HE partnerships - Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland, Teesside - with responsibilities for working with the NE mayoral strategic authority
1245-1330	Lunch and networking	
Afternoon	Balancing global ambitions with local skills needs	
	Provocations and discussion - What could universities do differently to broaden international appeal? - What could we achieve together as a joined-up UK education system that none of us could achieve alone?	
1330-1545	Global Perspectives Facilitated by Cerian Ayres Act Local, Think Global! People, Place, partnerships and possibilities: <i>What if UK internationalisation was not simply about exporting education, but about building global partnerships that connect people, skills, innovation and opportunity, and in doing so, strengthen both our international impact and the UK's future skills and education offer?</i>	Cerian Ayres UVAC Associate & International, Senior TVET Consultant, British Council Jane Rexworthy, OBE Chair, UK Skills Partnership, & core member of the UK's newly formed Education Sector Advisory Group Fiona Horrell Erasmus+ and Sector Expert VET & Adult Ed. British Council) Dr Spencer Pitfield, OBE SPL Strategies founder & member Going Global TVET International Skills Partnership – multi-country – & Green Skills Advisory Board
1545-1600	Wrap up and finish	
		Prof. Ruth Massie UVAC Associate & James Farr Think...