



WorldSkills Leaders Forum – Conference

Thursday 6 October 08.00 – 15.30

Full day £190.00

The WorldSkills Leaders Forum (WSLF) is an annual event on themes of global relevance, which are chosen based on input from delegates and members. The WorldSkills Leaders Forum serves as an annual kick-start for the networking process, striving to exploit and develop the power of WorldSkills International's global network to meet the needs of industry and commerce and those who train them – to the mutual benefit of all concerned. Its relevance and importance has grown and it is now an important and integral part of the annual WorldSkills calendar.

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Top speakers from around the world will be addressing the impact that vocational training has on economic growth. A networking lunch will be held during the WSLF and many examples of best practice will be shared over the course of the day.

Following presentations from key leaders in business and commerce, delegates will have their chance to participate through a 'Question Time' style session with an extended panel of experts, exploring the benefits of investing in skills, the role skills will play in the global economic recovery and the importance of striving for excellence as a way of motivating young people.

Programme

08.00 – 09.00	Registration and refreshments
09.00 – 11.15	WorldSkills Leaders Forum
11.15 – 11.30	Networking opportunity/comfort break
11.30 - 13.00	Networking lunch
13.00 – 14.25	WorldSkills Leaders Forum
14.25 – 14.40	Refreshment break
14.40 – 15.30	WorldSkills Leaders Forum

Nadine Dereza, Conference Chair, and Non-Executive Director of WorldSkills London 2011

Morning Speakers

Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham - Welcome address

Martin Donnelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Business Innovation & Skills - Introduction

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills and President of the Board of Trade - Investing in Skills for Growth

Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary, Trade Union Congress (TUC) – Raising the skills of all: The trade union approach

Christine Hodgson, Chairman, Caggemini - Young Talent in the Technology Sector. The Caggemini Story

Steve Holliday, Chief Executive Officer, National Grid plc – Skills - Engineering our future

Terry Morgan, CBE, Chairman, Crossrail - The challenges of Crossrail, not just building a railway, building a workforce – a personal journey

Morning Panel:

Nick Bradley, Group Director, City & Guilds

John Hayes MP, Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning

Christine Hodgson, Chairman, Caggemini

Steve Holliday, Chief Executive, National Grid

Terry Morgan, CBE, Chairman, Crossrail

Frances O’Grady, Deputy General Secretary, Trade Union Congress (TUC)

Sir Peter Rogers, Mayoral Advisor, Regeneration, Growth & Enterprise, Greater London Authority, Mayor’s Office

Christine Gaskell, Member of the Board for Personnel, Bentley

Afternoon Speakers

John Hayes, Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning - A presentation about the host country/region that is demonstrating their commitment to skills development by putting significant funding behind this event, showing support for skills development and infrastructure projects.

Chris Boardman, Managing Director, Military Air & Information, BAE Systems – Investment in skills for engineering excellence.

Robert Schwartz, Francis Keppel Professor of Practice in Educational Policy and Administration, Harvard - A presentation outlining the results of the Harvard "Pathways to Prosperity" report and the action plan the USA has to implement the indicated changes.

Rafael Lucchesi, SENAI’s Director General, Brasil - A presentation by a senior official showing how SENAI was developed and what it has accomplished

Global Industry Partners - Response from Industry on skills development, about industry’s demand for skilled workers and the changes in the workforce.

Don Carlson, Director EMEA, Autodesk

Tom Flohn, President EMEA, Lincoln Electric

Michael Stevenson, Vice President of Global Education, Cisco Systems