Education and Employers Taskforce Third Research Conference

*Exploring school-to-work transitions in international perspectives: Conference Programme*

Bank of America Merrill Lynch Financial Centre, 2 King Edward St, London, EC1A 1HQ, Thursday 23rd January 2014

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<td>Welcoming remarks from Sarbjit Nahal, Head of Thematic Investing, Bank of America Merrill Lynch</td>
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<td>Keynote Address by Professor Alison Wolf, Sir Roy Griffiths Professor of Public Sector Management, King's College London</td>
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**Parallel Session 1: MAIN AUDITORIUM**

Looking back: Are career talks with outside speakers associated with higher wages? An analysis of the British Cohort Study
Elnaz T. Kashefpakdel (University of Bath and Education and Employers Taskforce) and Christian Percy (Independent Researcher)

"They told me I was going to have to wait for the baby boomers to die": A textual analysis of young adults’ perception of the value of school-mediated workplace exposure
Dr Steve Jones (University of Manchester) and Dr Anthony Mann (Education and Employers Taskforce)

Chair: Deidre Hughes (National Careers Council)

**Parallel Session 2: BREAKOUT A**

Employer Engagement in Education - Quality and/or Quantity?
Dr Pat Morton, Jill Collins and Glynis Dean (Sheffield Hallam University)

Investigating employer needs in a holistic vocational qualification – the research behind the City and Guilds TechBac
Zeeshan Rahman and Patrick Craven (City and Guilds)

Chair: Debbie Ribchester (AoC)

**Parallel Session 3: BREAKOUT B**

The impact of work experience on HE student outcomes: Implications for policy and practice
Jane Artess, Andrew McCulloch and Keith Hermann (Higher Education Careers Service Unit)

Mickey Mouse Learning - Discourses of the Vocational/Technical in Higher Education
Richard Sanders and Harriet Richmond (Newman University)

Chair: Richard Pettinger (University College London)
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| 12:05  | 13:00    | Panel Discussion: How should our schools respond to the demands of the twenty first century labour market?  
**Chair:** Professor Prue Huddleston (University of Warwick)  
Professor Chris Husbands (Institute of Education)  
Professor Hugh Lauder (University of Bath)  
Andreas Schleicher (OECD)  
Professor Robert Schwartz (Harvard University) |
| 13:00  | 14:00    | Lunch |
| 14:00  | 15:00    | **Parallel Session 4: MAIN AUDITORIUM**  
The rhetoric and the reality of apprenticeship: A comparative study of the English, Finnish and French apprenticeship systems for 16-18 year olds  
Dr Anna Mazenod (University of Roehampton)  

Stimulating interest in STEM careers among students in Europe: Supporting career choice and giving a more realistic view of STEM at work  
Alexa Joyce, EUN Partnership AISBL (European Schoolnet)  

Chair: Matt Hamnett (Capita Talent Partnerships) |
| 14:00  | 15:00    | **Parallel Session 5: BREAKOUT A**  
Do educational pathways matter?  
Educational trajectories and job satisfaction  
Dr Ricardo Sabates and Emma Salter (University of Sussex)  

Industry School Partnerships: Boundary crossing to enable school to work transitions across three targeted industries  
Matthew Christian Flynn, Queensland University of Technology (Australia)  

Chair: David Harbourne (Edge Foundation) |
| 14:00  | 15:00    | **Parallel Session 6: BREAKOUT B**  
Poverty and school leavers’ outcomes in Glasgow secondary schools  
Dr Stephen J McKinney, Stuart Hall and Kevin Lowden (University of Glasgow)  

Evaluation of the Work Placement Trials: Implications for young people gaining experience of the world of work  
David Sims and Sarah Lynch (NFER)  

Chair: Professor Prue Huddleston (University of Warwick) |
| 15:05  | 16:00    | Keynote Address by Andreas Schleicher, Deputy Director Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD  
Chair: Nick Chambers, Education and Employers Taskforce |