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Event Summary

Kim Marwood - Department for Education

Kim expressed the DfE's objective towards 'Simplification'. Including the continuous work to streamline funding rules for SME employers – this is to encourage a larger uptake of young & NEET apprentices. Programme priortises the quality of learning which ensures a greater success rate. Kim ensured that internal work is equally prominent for engaging youth & adult apprentices. Branding sets to present apprenticeships as the primary pathway to qualify in the medical industry. DfE also mentioned that they were conducting internal work with UCAS to integrate university & apprenticeship applications., to simplify the process.

Joanna Moonan - IfATE

Joanna expressed IfATE's concern for the catering & hospitality sector, due to the pandemic & cost-of-living crisis. Trailblazer work is set to focus on this sector - SMEs are to be targeted and encouraged to get involved in the Trailblazer groups. SME feedback is valuable to improve standards. Joanna also conveyed the lack of pathway for teaching standards, this is set to be reviewed. A racial equality action is set to review the hairdressing standard, to ensure training covers all hair types. She also expressed the Health sector need and that off-the-job training is often inhibiting apprenticeship take-up in the sector, once again, this is to be reviewed. The new GP standard is to be marketed towards low-income individuals that may otherwise not have access to GP training through the traditional routeway.

Adam Greenwood - South Yorkshire CA

Adam illustrated that SYMCA aims to maximize devolved funding, with a focus on Skills & Education and 4 key sectors prioritised; Digital, Renewables, Health & Social Care, and Creative. SY has allocated £40m per year towards AEB - local needs and skill shortages are to be fulfilled to ensure new investment is brought into SY. The Skills Bank has been set-up for businesses to develop a proposal for training to fill individual company skills needs. SYMCA are developing a matchmaking service for apprentices and employers, to ensure both parties are prioritised and fulfilled.



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Lindsey Daniels & Michelle Hunter - West Yorkshire CA

Lindsey & Michelle announced WYCA's new AEB entitlements for free education, which increases WY resident's eligibility to access free training. WYCA are investing in quality education and are developing a Green Curriculum fund, which will pilot sustainable skills and fulfill WY future skills needs. WYCA invite training providers within WY to access tender opportunities – link available on slides.

Abi Player - York North Yorkshire LEP

Abi expressed the challenges being faced by York & North Yorkshire when it comes to skills need and opportunities. Impacts on YNY include, an aging population, a shrinking labour market, skills shortages, rurality and low inward investment. YNYLEP propose several opportunities for improvement & change; an aspiration toward Devolution, a net-zero aim for 2040, skills bootcamps & sector specific developments.

Karla Hoff & Emma Forber - Lighcast & Data City

Karla & Emma gave fantastic insight into the local and national skills/labour market. Their data showed the highest recruitment uptakes as well as the most in demand skills per area and sector. Their data also communicated the answers to sustainable skills demands and qualification levels for each role. They also expressed the need for a SIC code update, as future skills, such as Al & Green are not considered or classified within the data streams.





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Leadership & Management

Funding

Local Needs

EPAOs

Challenges

Retention

Functional Skills

Staffing

Opportunities

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In-House Training

Flexibility

Skills Bootcamps

Green Skills

Multiply

Opportunities

T-Levels

New Funding Streams

Devolution

Collaboration

Networking

Digital

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