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8th Annual Conference

# Offender Learning, Skills and Employability

Thursday 17th May 2012, Westminster Studio, London SW1

Speakers include:

**Richard Ward**  
Offender Skills and  
Employment Team Leader,  
**Department for Business,  
Innovation & Skills**

**Iris Flaum**  
Head of Funding Policy,  
**Skills Funding Agency**

**Lord David  
Ramsbotham  
GCB CBE**  
President, **Unlock**

**John Hewitson**  
Lead Governor,  
**HM Prison Styal**

In May 2011 the Government proposed reforms to the adult offender education system with a greater emphasis on the results that education and training delivers for offenders. Subsequently, policy and funding opportunities made available through the Work Programme, Youth Contract and apprenticeships have further highlighted the benefits of skills and employment to rehabilitation.

But, although plenty of progress has been made during financially constrained times, there is still much to be learnt in achieving best practice in the delivery of learning and skills training, both within secure units and increasingly through community sentences.

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# Agenda (subject to change)

09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

## Session One:

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### Setting the scene

- 09:50 Welcome and introduction from conference Chair  
**Lord David Ramsbotham GCB CBE**,  
President, Unlock
- 10:00 Keynote Address: breaking the cycle of re-offending through learning and skills  
**Richard Ward**, Offender Skills and Employment Team Leader, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
- 10:15 Understanding the new funding landscape: payments by result  
**Iris Flaum**, Head of Funding Policy, Skills Funding Agency
- 10:30 Turning the new strategy set out in 'Making Prisons Work: Skills for Rehabilitation' into real operational effect  
**John Hewitson**, Lead Governor, HM Prison Styal
- 10:45 Learner voices: results of the Prisoners' Education Trust's national survey  
**Nina Champion**, Project Manager, Prisoners' Education Trust
- 11:00 Questions and discussion

11:10 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

## Session Two:

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### Offender learning, skills and employability

- 11:40 The new revised inspection methodology  
**Jen Walters**, Managing Inspector, Judicial and Offender Learning.
- 11:55 Securing suitable and sustainable employment  
**Debbie Leach**, Head of Learning and Interventions, HMPS Blantyre House and HMP/YOI East Sutton Park  
**Maggie Walsh**, Director, A Fairer Chance
- 12:15 The role of apprenticeships in rehabilitation  
*Check website for speaker updates*
- 12:30 The work programme and ex offenders  
**Abi McDonald**, Business Development Manager-Justice, Ingeus
- 12:45 Panel discussion:
  - Securing funding and provision for offender learning, skills and employment within the community: what lessons can be learnt from across the sector?
  - What is the future for offenders in the community for accessing learning?

#### Session speakers

13:00 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

## Session Three:

### Putting theory to practice

- 14:00 Working in partnership to break down the barriers to offender learning  
**Sally Alexander**, Director of Curriculum, Milton Keynes College  
**Gina Reilly**, Head of Department: Community and Employment Programmes, Milton Keynes College
- 14:20 Best Practice: improving skills, increasing self esteem and providing a supportive learning environment  
**Peter Cox**, Vice Principal, The Manchester College
- 14:40 Employer case study: overcoming the issues facing employers  
**Steve Agger**, Social Strategist, Fusion21
- 14:50 User perspective: the real-life experience of obstacles to employment  
**Jason Warr**, Programme Manager and Research Coordinator, User Voice and Former Prisoner
- 15:00 Questions and discussion

15:10 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

## Session Four:

### Key issue seminars

- 15:40 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

#### 1 Case study: Peer to peer call centre

**Maria McNichol**, Senior Manager, Prison Projects, St Giles Trust

#### 2 The role of distance learning for offenders: adapting the course to the learner

**Ros Morpeth**, Chief Executive, National Extension College

16:30 Close of conference

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## Purpose of the Conference

### Specifically this conference will enable you to:

- Hear from the Government on their progress in breaking the cycle of re-offending through learning and skills
- Explore what the Skills Funding Agency are doing to integrate offender education with mainstream academic and vocational provision
- Understand the new funding landscape for offender learning and skills
- Hear the results of the Prisoners' Education Trust's national survey on learner voices
- Understand the new OLASS provision and the Rehabilitation of Prisoners
- Examine best practice to overcome the barriers to offender learning, skills and employment
- Assess the role of IAG to motivate offenders to find sustainable employment
- Hear best practice in securing suitable employment
- Explore the role of the work programme and offenders
- Explore the role of apprenticeships in rehabilitation
- Examine examples of multi-agency working to break down the barriers to offender learning and skills
- Hear best practice in improving skills, increasing self esteem and providing a supportive learning environment
- Hear first hand from an employer who is currently employing ex-offenders and hear from a young person who has successfully been helped into employment through offender learning and skills support
- Hear from an ex-offender who accessed services and managed to dramatically turn his life around
- Benefit from hearing best practice on regional successes, good news stories and gain practical information to implement in your day-to-day role through interactive partnership seminars examining key issues on:
  1. Peer mentoring
  2. Distance learning

## Who should attend:

### From Criminal Justice:

- Prison Governors and Officers
- Probation Officers
- YOI Governors
- Regional Offender Managers and Offender Managers
- Learning, Skills and Employability Managers
- Employment, Training and Education (ETE) Managers
- Prison Libraries and Information Services
- Heads of Learning and Skills
- Police Service
- Resettlement Officers
- YOTs, Juvenile Estates and YOIs

### From Education:

- Heads of OLASS
- Education Managers
- Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators
- Access to Learning Managers, Further Education Colleges
- Examination Awarding Bodies
- Education Contractors
- Basic Skills Providers and Co-ordinators

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- Councillors
- Connexions Partnerships and Personal Advisers
- IAG Managers
- Social Services
- Curriculum Development Managers
- Directors of Lifelong Learning/ Education
- 11-19 Project Directors
- CEIAG Directors and Managers

### Cross sector:

- Job Developers
- Work Programme contractors
- Careers Advisers
- Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Services
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- Sector Skills Councils
- Voluntary Sector

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