

Degrees for the Future: A New Way of Providing Higher Education

10.00 Registration and Morning Refreshments

10.40 Chair's Introduction

Chris Waterman, Director of Design, Reduced Policy Company

10.45 Morning Session - Current and Future Policy:

- How will planned reform of the criteria for degree-awarding powers affect FECs?
- How are validating arrangements evolving?
- What can be done to improve college-university partnerships?
- How can HEIs & FECs establish effective links with non-teaching bodies?
- To what extent should degrees be tailored to promote employability?
- Is there scope for a more flexible HE in FE offering that maintains standards?
- What impact will DAP reforms & FE loans have on widening participation?

- **Gordon McKenzie**, Deputy Director, Higher Education Policy, BIS
 - **Sir Rodney Brooke CBE**, Chairman, QAA Board & Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers
 - **Graeme Atherton**, Director, AccessHE
 - **Michelle Selinger**, Director, Education Practice, IBSG, Cisco
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12.45 Interactive Voting Session

13.00 Networking Lunch

14.00 Afternoon Session - Policy into Practice:

- The changing nature of HE in FE: capitalising on the 'core and margin' model
 - Effective engagement with employers: responding to labour market needs
 - Higher apprenticeships: working with business to develop new programmes
- **Jack Kerr**, Senior Business Manager, Apprenticeships, Pearson
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15.10 Chair's Summary

15.15 Event Close
