

**AGENDA FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IMPACT FORUM MEETING**  
**30 Sept - Open University**

12.30 Arrivals - lunch

13.00 Welcome and introductions

13.10 Chair's Opening Remarks + Agenda and Desired Outcomes

Desired Outcomes - By the end of our discussions we will have (a) identified 3-4 recommendations to Gov/decision makers/funders in relation to adult learning and work; (b) identified areas/topics for research to strengthen evidence base for recommendations; (c) identified and agreed any actions needed before the next plenary meeting of IF

13.20 EAAL in the UK - Jan Eldred (LWI)

13.30 Presentations on Theme of Adult Learning and Work:

- Paper on the Skills Barometer - Gareth Hetherington UU
- Good Practice Paper (1) - Dwyer Gorman, Allstate
- Good Practice Paper (2) - Mary Boyle, Belfast Trust
- NI Chamber of Commerce - tbc

14.15 Q&A

14.30 Comfort Break

14.40 Small groupwork - split into 2-3 groups to look at following Qs:

1. What contributions does Adult Learning make to improving employability and career development? Identify examples of good practice.
2. What policy/funding/practice changes would increase the effectiveness of these contributions? Agree 3-4 recommendations
3. What research/action is needed to provide a stronger evidence base for your recommendations?

14.45 Small Group work

15.25 Feedback and some initial narrowing of the recommendations list

15.45 Next Steps - further refining the recommendations  
- identifying possible political champions  
- event at Stormont

15.55 Next Meeting details

16.00 Close