



Forum for Adult Learning



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Learning and Work Institute and Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Digital Skills Policy Event

Thursday 8th December 11.00 am - 14.30 p.m.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 5th floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1

Chaired by Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute

The event will discuss and agree recommendations for submission to the Government's forthcoming consultation on training in basic digital skills for adults in England who lack relevant qualifications. It will consist of a series of sessions with short presentations followed by group discussion and feedback on recommendations

Programme

11.00 – 11.15 Welcome, aims and introduction to the day

Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute

11.15 – 12.00 Session 1

- Presentation 1 11.15 – 11.25

Frank Soodeen, Head of Public Affairs, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

- Discussion 1 11.25 – 11.50

Q1 Should basic digital skills training target specific groups and if so which and why?

Q2 How can we best engage these groups?

Q3 Which specific digital skills must be included in the training?

- Feedback and recommendations 11.50 – 12.00

12.00 – 12.30 LUNCH

12.30 – 1.15 Session 2

- Presentation 2 12.30 – 12.40

Dr Ewa Luger, Chancellor's Fellow, University of Edinburgh

- Discussion 2 12.40 – 12.55

Q4 What are the barriers for learners and how can these be overcome

Q5 How can we encourage learners to maintain and progress their digital skills beyond the training? What are the benefits?

Q6 Are there progression pathways to further digital skills? If so what are they?

- Feedback and recommendations

12.55 – 1.15

1.15 – 2.00

Session 3

- Presentation 3

1.15 – 1.25

Helen Chicot, Skills and Employment Manager, Rochdale Borough Council

- Discussion 3

1.25 – 1.40

Q7 What are the risks associated with free digital skills training? How can we mitigate against them?

Q8 Should providers be mandated to evaluate the impact of the training? What should be measured and how could evaluation bring greatest benefits?

Q9 What are the opportunities and issues for providers

- Feedback and recommendations

1.40 – 2.00

2.00 – 2.15

Session 4

Recommendation summary

Susan Easton, Head of Digital Learning and Skills, Learning and Work Institute

2.15 – 2.30

Final remarks and next steps

Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute

2.30

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