



Dear Colleague

England Impact Forum. 30th April 2019.

Thanks for your continued support of the forum, which is part of the European Agenda for Adult Learning.

I attach the notes from the last meeting and the best I could do with all the material from Catina Barrett, John Holford, and Gerald Jones. Their excellent slides are on the group's EPALE page.

The next session will be more of a seminar and focussed on a single issue. The focus of the 2.5-hour event is on workforce development / future workforce needs of the FE and skills workforce.

This project builds on the research summarised in 'Healthy, Wealthy and Wise: the impact of adult learning across the UK' (HWW) published at the end of 2017. European funding has been secured by L&W, as UK National Coordinator, to carry out a small-scale study as to the workforce implications of the above report.

The project aims to bring together views on what should be done. Ten colleagues have kindly written short thinkpieces on aspects of HWW in relation to future workforce needs.

The Further Education Trust for Leadership (FETL) has co-funded the project by:

- Bringing together the writers for a discussion to develop their thinkpieces
- Promoting to a wide range of stakeholders across the UK
- Enabling a joint publication of findings

We are currently at the stage of having a DRAFT document to discuss. This will go to all four UK impact forums at meetings in Belfast, Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Birmingham.

The aim of the forums will be to discuss the findings to date and decide what should be done in each country in terms of supporting the workforce.

I am delighted that the following contributors will attend the England Forum: Helen Chicot, Vicky Duckworth, Colin Forrest, Deirdre Hughes, Kathryn James, Dragana Ramsden, and Rob Smith.

We shall also be joined by Cerian Ayres (Education and Training Foundation) and Jill Westerman (FETL).

Most of the event will be based on structured roundtable discussions and a plenary.



The focus will be on what does the future skills workforce need in terms of:

- initial teacher training / education
- professional development
- leadership and management

The final report will be published in May, with inputs from Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

So it will be important to have your voice at the meeting. Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you book and cannot make it, we understand but PLEASE tell us as we shall be keeping a waiting list for late bookings.

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions, Mark Ravenhall
2. A thematic review of the work to date, Helen Plant
3. The workforce development context in England, Cerian Ayres
4. The recommendations from the thinkpieces, Mark Ravenhall
5. So what? Roundtable discussions led by:
 - a. Vicky Duckworth / Rob Smith / Helen Chicot. Rapporteur: Mark Ravenhall
 - b. Deirdre Hughes / Colin Forrest / Jill Westerman. Rapporteur: Helen Plant
 - c. Kathryn James / Dragana Ramsden / Cerian Ayres. Rapporteur: Joyce Black
6. Plenary: what needs to happen?
7. Summary of next steps.