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## Local Skills, National Growth: Devolution and the Future of Adult Learning

**TUESDAY 24 JUNE 15:45-16:45**

### Policy Zone

#### ABOUT THIS SESSION

This panel discussion explores the evolving relationship between devolution and adult education, building on themes from the main stage plenary. Panellists will explore how to balance local skills with national priorities to drive inclusive, long-term growth.

#### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Gain practical insights from sector leaders including Brenda McLeish (Learning Curve Group), Greg Scott (Realise), David Wastie (Althaus), and Jacqui Oughton (Twin Group). Understand how devolution is shaping adult education delivery and how your organisation can adapt to meet both local and national skills needs.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Senior leaders, policy advisors, funding strategists, and programme leads involved in the planning, commissioning, or delivery of adult education and lifelong learning. Particularly relevant for providers navigating devolved funding models and aligning provision with both local priorities and national skills agendas.

#### SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Jacqui Oughton, Twin Group

Fleur Sexton DL is the CEO and co-founder of multi-ward winning PET-Xi Training, one of the most hard-hitting and dynamic training providers in the UK with a reputation for success with the hardest to reach young people and with adults with multiple barriers to employment. Fleur is a Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Honorary Doctor of Birmingham City University, was formally Businesswoman of the Year and is a former board member of the Commonwealth 2022 Legacy & Benefits Committee and the C&W Chamber of Commerce. She is currently on the board of the Coventry and Warwickshire Champions, Birmingham City University Business School Advisory Board and is Chair of the Coventry Music Trust.

This panel will be chaired by Aidan Relf, Consultant at RGMR

