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

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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. With input from policy and sector voices, the session will examine how local skills needs can be balanced with national priorities to drive inclusive, long-term growth.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Gain a deeper understanding of how devolution is shaping adult skills funding and provision. Engage in meaningful discussion with peers and panellists and consider how to position your organisation to respond to both local and national priorities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Senior leaders, strategy and funding managers, local authority skills leads, and adult education providers navigating devolved and national funding landscapes. Essential for those shaping provision, aligning with regional priorities, and influencing the future direction of adult learning policy.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Stewart Segal (Chair)

Stewart was the former Chief Executive Officer of AELP from April 2013 until March 2016. Stewart currently holds a number of Non Executive positions in the sector including Chair of the social enterprise Youth Employment UK. Stewart has worked in the funded work based learning sector for over 20 years and in particular has supported AELP since its formation.



Chris Claydon MBE joined JTL as Chief Executive in February 2023. His focus is on the quality of the learner journey and he has initiated a number of change programmes, as well as a change in strategic direction, to ensure that quality is at the forefront of all that JTL does. Prior to JTL Chris spent 7 years leading the industry-led statutory skills body, the ECITB. He joined the ECITB in 2015 following a career in the British Army as a helicopter pilot and senior officer where he held various roles in the Ministry of Defence.



Iain Salisbury has been working in the training & employability sector for over fifteen years. Prior to his appointment as CEO of Aspiration Training Ltd in 2017 he held a number of positions including CEO of one of the largest Apprenticeship providers in the UK, Employability Director at a large College and Director of the Employment Related Services Association (ERSA). Iain has a wealth of experience in the employability, vocational training, and apprenticeship market, across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



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