

The Gen Z Approach to Lifelong Learning

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Gen Z Zone

ABOUT THIS SESSION

This panel explores how lifelong learning must adapt to meet the evolving needs of Gen Z. From AI and blended learning to embedding development into employment, hear fresh perspectives on reshaping education and training for a generation that expects flexibility, relevance, and innovation.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Gain insight into the future of learning, from the promise (and pitfalls) of AI to practical strategies for fostering a culture of continuous development in the workplace. Walk away with takeaways to drive change in your organisation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

L&D professionals, curriculum and programme leads, employer training managers, and senior leaders in education and skills policy. Ideal for those responsible for designing agile, tech-enabled learning strategies that resonate with Gen Z's expectations for relevance, flexibility, and lifelong development.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Graham Hasting-Evans, NOCN Group Chief Executive, transitioned from building and construction to shaping the London 2012 Olympics' skills strategy. Prior roles include UK Commission for Employment and Skills program director. He's participated in UK apprenticeship reform, initiated Trailblazer standards, and advanced Green Skills advocacy through reports and event engagements.



Charles O'Madden leads curriculum and safeguarding at The Skills Centre, a national construction training provider with nine centres across the UK. He is currently exploring the use of AI in assessment design and delivery, focusing on practical applications for vocational learners. He is also developing a personal Web3 site to test AI-driven tools that support learner feedback and personalised progression.



Corrina Hembury is the Managing Director of Access Training, a leading independent training provider of Apprenticeships and FE programmes in the East Midlands. She has worked in Further Education for over 20 years, previously serving as the MD for Skills and Learning at DBC Training and as Training Director at the Babington Group.



Jan Newbould has over 20 years of experience in apprenticeships, training, and further education, Jan is a passionate advocate for lifelong learning and transformational change. Jan is Managing Director of Apprenticeships & Skills at HRUC FE College, Jan leads with a commitment to empowering individuals to achieve their fullest potential through high-quality education and skills development.

