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Grow, Learn and Progress: A deeper dive into the career progression of a Gen Z employee.

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 10:05-11:05

Gen Z Zone

ABOUT THIS SESSION

This interactive session from NOCN Group takes a deeper look at Gen Z's career progression, with a focus on green skills and future-fit pathways in Net Zero, Renewables, and Construction. Featuring real learner stories, tech-enabled engagement, and a visual Career Roadmap, it explores how we can better support emerging talent in navigating sustainable and evolving careers.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Understand what Gen Z truly values in a career, how to embed green and transferable skills into your offer, and how technology and assessment bodies are shaping the career journeys of the future. Leave with practical tools and ideas to futureproof your programmes.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Curriculum developers, careers advisers, employer engagement leads, and workforce planners designing programmes for future-focused sectors. Particularly relevant for those embedding green and transferable skills into learning pathways and supporting Gen Z progression into sustainable careers.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Kris Dean has dedicated the past 18 years to the 16+ education and training sector, beginning his journey as a maths teacher before moving into apprenticeships as an assessor and internal quality assurer (IQA). His enthusiasm for vocational learning has taken him across diverse training environments, including private training providers, employer providers, and further education colleges.



Jonathan Alton began his career in education in 2005, teaching in the further education sector for 13 years, including at a specialist construction college. In 2018, Jonathan joined NOCN as a Product Developer and has led the Construction Product Development Team since 2022. During his time at NOCN, he has developed and managed a wide range of skills solutions for the construction sector, including End Point Assessments, Assured Courses, International Skills Tests, and Regulated Qualifications. He has successfully launched qualifications from Entry Level 3 to Level 4, including a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), with a strong focus on embedding sustainability wherever possible.



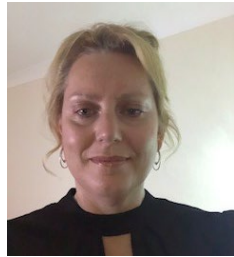
Tracey Patmore is Head of Products at NOCN Group, overseeing the development of all regulated qualifications and courses including apprenticeship end point assessments (EPA), short courses and international products. She brings over 30 years of experience in the Education Sector, having previously worked as a fully qualified lecturer, assessor, and internal quality assurer (IQA).



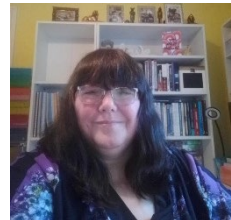
Ben Dainty, holds a Ba(hons) in primary education and a Master's degree from Leeds Beckett University where he specialised in developmental psychology. He later transitioned to a career sparked by the sudden shift to online learning during the global pandemic. Ben's intense background in Psychology and eLearning development positions him as a powerful force in the world of FE. Heading up FE Tech's eLearning Academy as a Learning Scientist Consultant, he plays a central role in driving the content development strategy, supporting the FE sector whilst ensuring a seamless blend of innovation, accessibility, and quality.



Louise Fort has served as Group Head of People Support and Development at NOCN Group since 2021, supporting a national workforce of over 180 employees. A fully qualified HR generalist with Chartered MCIPD status and professional membership of the Chartered Management Institute, Louise brings over 17 years of experience across both public and private sectors.



Dr Annie Ostapenko-Denton joined NOCN Group in 2023 as a Senior Product Developer, bringing with her over 25 years of experience in Further Education teaching psychology, research, and equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). She is passionate about education's power to transform lives and is a strong advocate for inclusion and accessibility.



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