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How ITPs can help solve the NEET crisis

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 10:05-11:05

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ABOUT THIS SESSION

With nearly 1 million young people now NEET, this workshop explores how Independent Training Providers can play a vital role in reversing the trend. Hear from experts, including Youth Employment UK, GMCA, and SCL, as they share insights, strategies, and proven approaches to engage and support NEET learners.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Gain a deeper understanding of the NEET challenge, explore successful programme models, discover available funding routes, and leave with practical actions to better support disengaged young people in your community.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Curriculum leads, learner engagement managers, outreach and re-engagement coordinators, and senior leaders within ITPs and other organisations. Particularly valuable for those designing or delivering provision for at-risk young people and looking to access funding and partnerships to tackle the NEET crisis.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Sharon Weetman is a Principal Manager leading on delivery of Youth Employment Pathways & Provision, Technical Education and Apprenticeships across Greater Manchester. She has extensive policy and delivery experience across all aspects of Education, Skills, and Work initially in Local Authorities and now at the GMC.



Lauren Mistry is deputy CEO. Lauren leads Youth Employment UK's strategies on research, insight and best practice across youth and business audiences. Lauren leads Youth Employment UK's annual Youth Voice Census, the largest Youth Voice survey of its kind. In addition, she is leading Youth Employment UK's work to launch a first of its kind evidence based Good Youth Employment Benchmark this year, changing how employers understand and plan their youth employment strategies across the UK.



Stuart Allen has gained over 18 years' experience within the further education and skills sector working in roles ranging from a Sport Science teacher to Chief Education Officer with a specialist focus on Curriculum, Quality and Product/Commercial Development.



Paul Saunders is Commercial Director at Gateway Qualifications and has previously worked in a range of education settings over the last 20 years. Paul's roles have included teaching and assessing in work-based settings, working with employers and other stakeholders to develop national occupational standards and qualifications, as well as successfully running an Independent Training Provider delivering work and classroom-based provision. Paul attends the AELP London strategic forum and is a keen advocate of adult lifelong learning.

