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Working together to close the workforce essential digital skills gap

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INNOVATION Zone

ABOUT THIS SESSION

This session introduces **FutureDotNow**, a nationwide initiative tackling the UK's essential digital skills gap in the workforce. Learn how your organisation can get involved and how funded qualifications and partnerships are helping to build scalable, sustainable solutions for digital upskilling.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Discover practical ways to join a growing movement addressing one of the UK's most pressing workforce challenges.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Training and workforce development providers, employer L&D leads, awarding body representatives, and education strategists responsible for digital skills delivery. Ideal for those seeking to expand their digital skills provision, form cross-sector partnerships, and contribute to a national movement for workforce digital inclusion.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Holly Chate is Chief Operating Officer at FutureDotNow. Holly is experienced in strategy & business development, operating model transformation, programme management, governance and post-merger integration. Holly has worked across public, private and third sector and internationally in the Middle East, Asia and Europe through her roles at Deloitte (2012 – 2021) and BAE Systems (2006-2012). Holly has a degree in Biochemistry from UCL.



Naomi O'Neill, Head of Digital Skills at Amey - a leading provider of engineering, operations and decarbonisation solutions for UK infrastructure and complex facilities. Naomi leads a team of digital skills trainers who develop and deliver training to meet Amey's varied needs for a digitally skilled workforce. As a strategic partner of FutureDotNow Amey recognises the importance of digital skills to the UK economy and is working as part of the coalition to drive change and close the digital skills gap.



Paul Saunders, 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.



Madhavi Kumar joined AELP in the summer of 2021 with an overall experience of 10 years in project management and quality assurance mostly in the insurance sector. Having gained the PRINCE2 qualification she ensures all is kept on track and delivered to a high standard.

