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What do different types of employers need from the skills system?

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EMPLOYER Zone

ABOUT THIS SESSION

This panel brings together voices from the CBI, BCC, and The 5% Club to explore what different types of employers really need from the skills system to support growth and productivity. Discussions will focus on current business pressures, barriers to workforce investment, and the role of initiatives like Skills England in meeting employer needs.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Gain valuable employer perspectives on how the skills system must evolve—beyond just apprenticeships—to align with business realities. Leave with insights to help shape more responsive, impactful training and workforce development strategies.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION

Employer engagement leads, policy makers, provider strategists, and workforce development professionals responsible for aligning training provision with business needs. Particularly relevant for those shaping skills policy or designing programmes to support employer-led growth and productivity.

SPEAKER OVERVIEW

Chair – Ciaran Roche (AELP)

Robert West (CBI)

Jane Gratton (BCC)

Mark Cameron (5% Club)