

TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS: BOOSTING T LEVEL DELIVERABILITY

 Digital Conference

 Wednesday 13th May 2026



Key Speakers



Overview

With over 30,000 students now enrolled across 21 subject routes, T Levels have rapidly evolved from the pilot phase into a central pillar of England's technical education system. Following record growth in 2024, with 25,500 new starters and nearly 300 providers delivering courses, attention is now firmly focused on ensuring quality, consistency and long-term sustainability as provision scales nationally.

In response to the *Post-16 Level 3 and Below Pathways Consultation*, the Government has set out a clearer direction for reform — confirming plans to simplify the qualifications landscape and introduce a three-pathway system of A Levels, T Levels and the Further Study Pathway. Alongside this, recent updates to T Level size, content and assessment aim to improve manageability, accessibility and take-up, supporting wider participation across providers and learners. These developments mark a significant shift from policy design to practical delivery at scale. Providers are now being asked to expand provision while ensuring programmes remain deliverable, high-quality and aligned with employer needs.

This Policy Foresight digital conference offers a timely opportunity for key stakeholders from FE providers, schools, awarding organisations and employers to understand what these reforms mean in practice, explore how delivery models are evolving, and share strategies for scaling T Levels successfully within this new, simplified system. Participants will also examine how providers can strengthen recruitment and retention, support learner progression through the Further Study Pathway into T Levels, and build sustainable partnerships with employers to deliver high-quality industry placements.

Why Attend?

- Digital conference featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers and key officials
- Assess the Government's latest T Level updates including the implications of the Government's response to the *Post-16 Pathways Consultation* and what it means for delivery, progression and system design
- Explore how recent reforms to T Level size, content and assessment will impact curriculum planning, delivery models and staff workload
- Gain insights into expanding and strengthening industry placements, including more flexible and scalable delivery models
- Learn strategies to upscale T Levels through stronger local employer partnerships, enhanced teacher and student recruitment and retention, improved course content and expanded progression pathways
- Share ideas with fellow participants from further education, industry, awarding bodies, employers and government
- Take part in interactive *Question Time* sessions with opportunities to engage directly with all speakers
- On demand – Exclusive access to speaker presentations and post-event resources

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Programme

09:30 AM	Delegate Online Login
10:00 AM	Introduction by Conference Organiser
10:05 AM	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Borley, <i>Associate Director, TLPD, Education and Training Foundation</i>
10:10 AM	Keynote Address: T Levels and Post-16 Skills – The National Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aligning T Levels with the Government's long-term vision for post-16 skills and technical education reform ➤ Examining the implications of the Government's response to the <i>Post-16 Level 3 and Below Pathways Consultation</i>, including the role of T Levels in the evolving three-pathway system ➤ Understanding how ongoing reforms to T Level size, content, assessment and industry placements aim to improve manageability, accessibility and take-up ➤ Understanding how continued funding and investment will support sustainable growth and delivery capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Pinn, <i>Deputy Director, T Levels, Department for Education</i>
10:30 AM	Keynote Address: Questions and Discussion
10:50 AM	Comfort Break
11:00 AM	Panel Session One: Boosting the T Level Offer – Raising Awareness, Investing in Student Enrolment and Supporting Progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening the visibility and reputation of T Levels through effective communication, outreach and careers guidance ➤ Supporting learner progression through the transition from GCSE to Level 3 study, including clearer pathways between the Further Study Pathway and T Levels ➤ Understanding how recent reforms may impact student accessibility, recruitment and completion rates ➤ Embedding inclusion and access by supporting learners from diverse backgrounds and those with SEND ➤ Enhancing student support, enrichment and pastoral guidance to improve retention, completion and progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Sezen, <i>Director of Education Policy, Association of Colleges</i> • Jo Fowler, <i>Director of Qualifications, City & Guilds</i> • Andy Long, <i>Head of UK Student Recruitment and Access, Keele University</i>
11:50 AM	Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion
12:15 PM	Comfort Break

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1:00 PM	<p>Programme Cont'd</p> <p>Panel Session Two: Improving Deliverability – Building Capacity and Quality in the Teaching Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening provider readiness and delivery capacity as participation expands across subjects and regions ➤ Supporting high-quality teaching and workforce development through professional training and sector-led collaboration ➤ Embedding consistency and quality assurance through simplified qualification pathways, refreshed specifications and assessment reforms ➤ Responding to recent reforms to reduce T Level size and assessment burden — implications for curriculum design, delivery models and staff workload ➤ Delivering consistent and high-quality T Levels while improving manageability and sustainability for providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suzanne Hall, <i>Head of Product Management and Strategy, Pearson</i> ● Ashley Grute, <i>Assistant Principal - A Levels and Vocational Curriculum, Alton, HSDC Colleges</i> ● Andrew McArthur, <i>Business Lecturer, Gateshead College; T Level Ambassador, Department for Education</i>
1:50 PM	<p>Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion</p>
2:15 PM	<p>Comfort Break</p>
2:25 PM	<p>Panel Session Three: Scaling Up Placement Opportunities – Collaboration and Partnership Building with Industry and Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developing strategic local and regional partnerships to expand industry placement capacity across sectors ➤ Exploring how increased flexibility in industry placements and programme design can support wider participation and delivery at scale ➤ Strengthening employer engagement and collaboration through the Employer Support Fund and regional networks ➤ Enhancing support for both employers and students throughout the placement process to improve learning outcomes and satisfaction ➤ Overcoming barriers to scaling placements, including capacity constraints, employer readiness and regional disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● John Yarham, <i>Chief Executive, Careers & Enterprise Company</i> ● Simon Shaw, <i>T Level Industry Placement Specialist, SDN Mesma Group</i> ● Simon Bone, <i>Strategic Workforce Project Manager, NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board; Chair, T Level Ambassador Network (South)</i> ● Gert Rohrmann, <i>Training and Development Manager, Smart Infrastructure Division, Siemens</i>
3:25 PM	<p>Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion</p>
3:40 PM	<p>Final Questions and Chair's Summary & Closing Comments</p>
3:45 PM	<p>End of Digital Conference</p>



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