

COUNTDOWN TO T LEVELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE: DELIVERING NEW PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Sheffield Town Hall, Sheffield

Wednesday 23rd September 2020



Keynote Speakers



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Overview

The *Technical and Further Education Act 2017* signalled the biggest reform to technical education in a generation. Building on its *Post-16 Skills Plan*, the Government unveiled an ambitious policy centred around the introduction of a two-year technical programme for young people aged 16-19 called **T Levels** to sit alongside A Levels and Apprenticeships.

Following an extensive consultation process on the design and roll-out of T Levels, the phased introduction is now less than a year away with the first three subject pathways due to be delivered in September 2020: Construction, Digital, and Education & Childcare. An additional seven T Levels will follow from September 2021, with the remainder to be rolled out from September 2022 onwards. The Government's current aim is for all T Levels to be introduced by September 2023. To underpin its commitment to T Levels, the Chancellor recently announced an additional £400m boost in 2020-2021 for the post-16 and further education sector, including £25m to support the first T Level providers and ensure their successful delivery in the first year.

As we get closer to the introduction of the first T Levels, this special national conference will tackle the latest implementation challenges. Vital to the success of T Levels is raising awareness amongst students, teachers, parents and employers to ensure there is enough take-up of the courses. The conference provides an invaluable platform to examine the wider impact of T Levels on the post-16 education pathway and explore how the new framework can transform technical education and vocational skills across the country. In addition to receiving a policy update from the Department for Education, participants will also consider how the T Level roll-out could shape the future curriculum of their school or college.

This national conference offers a timely opportunity for key partners including FE colleges, schools, local authorities, awarding bodies, training providers and employers to come together to learn, share ideas and explore how they can work in partnership to ensure that T Levels deliver high-quality technical education for every young person from the first year and beyond.



Why Attend?

- Understand the Government's reforms to technical education and receive a policy update on progress to date and the staged roll-out of T-Levels beginning in 2020
- Explore how to work in partnership to effectively design, develop and implement T Levels in your college or school
- Examine how to create clear routes for student progression from T Levels into Higher-Level Study or Degree and Higher Apprenticeships
- Learn from examples of best practice and innovative solutions to building relationships with employers to deliver high-quality placements
- Share ideas, exchange knowledge and network with colleagues and stakeholders from across the post-16 education sector, local government, industry and training provider landscape



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Programme

- 09:30** *Registration and Morning Refreshments*
- 10:00** **Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 10:15** **Morning Panel Session: New Pathways to Success – Transforming Technical Education**
- Expanding the Awareness and Understanding of what T Levels Offer Students, Parents and Employers
 - Upskilling Staff – Utilising T Level Knowledge Hubs and Institutes of Technology to Enhance Teaching Skills, Subject Knowledge and Confidence in Teachers to Deliver Programmes in Every Area
 - Ensuring Recruitment and Retention of Staff from Year One and Beyond
 - Embedding Excellence from the Start by Providing High-Quality Standards, Qualifications and Occupational Maps
 - Developing Pathways to Success – Creating Clear Routes for Student Progression into Employment, Higher-Level Study or Degree and Higher Apprenticeships
- 11:15** *Morning Refreshments*
- 11:30** **Discussion Groups**
- 11:40** **Question Time: Morning Panel Debate**
- 12:15** **Keynote Address: Countdown to T Levels – The National Picture**
- Understanding the National Picture – Examining the Reforms to Technical Education and the T Levels Action Plan
 - Update on the Rollout of the First Three T Levels: Education & Childcare, Construction and Digital
 - Examining the Details of the Full *T Level Specification* and Implications for First Year Providers
 - Future-Proofing T Levels – Meeting the Skills Needs of Tomorrow
- 12:45** **Keynote Question Time and Panel Debate**
- 13:15** *Networking Lunch*
- 14:00** **Afternoon Panel Session: Tackling T Level Implementation Challenges – Delivering Success from Year One and Beyond**
- Working in Partnership with FE Colleges, Schools, Employment Providers, Awarding Bodies, Local Authorities and Industry to Design, Develop and Implement T Levels
 - Building Relationships and Engaging with Employers to Deliver High Quality Placements
 - Exploring the Role of Ofqual in Effectively Regulating and Assessing T Level Provision
 - Overcoming Geographical Challenges – Ensuring T Level Industry Placements are Available for Students in Every Area, including in Rural Settings
 - Opportunities for All – Ensuring T Levels are Available and Flexible for Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
 - Looking to the Future – Ensuring the Successful Rollout of Additional Routes
- 14:45** *Afternoon Refreshments*
- 15:00** **Discussion Groups**
- 15:10** **Question Time: Afternoon Panel Debate**
- 15:45** **Chair's Summary and Closing Comments**
- 15:50** *Networking Reception*



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