

# 2023/2024 Activity Summary

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Skills, Careers and  
Employment

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## March 2023

### Local Skills Improvement Plans – Will they work?

**Chair:** Baroness Garden of Frognal

Speakers:

- **Rizwana Parveen**, Deputy Director, Department for Education
- **Lucy Druesne**, Local Skills Improvement Plan Manager, Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
- **Ann Monaghan**, OFSTED - His Majesty's Inspector, Further Education and Skills Policy Advisor
- **Jonathan Shaw**, Strategic Director, Kent Further Education

In this Parliamentary-led debate, the APGSCE discussed the lessons from the LSIP pilots (trailblazers) and what improvements are needed – with the views of businesses, colleges, Ofsted, and Local Authorities.

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## June 2023

### APGSCE Annual General Meeting

**Chair:** Rt Hon Sir John Hayes

### The Skills Workforce – tackling the shortage

**Chair:** Rt Hon Sir John Hayes

Speakers:

- **Toby Perkins MP**, Shadow Minister for Further Education & Skills
- **Dr Jen Nelles and Ben Verinder**, co-authors of the report “Skills, Innovation, and Productivity”, published at The Productivity Institute
- **Simon Cook**, principal of Midkent College
- **Beatrice Barleon**, Head of Policy & Public Affairs, EngineeringUK

Roundtable discussion on the further education workforce. Colleges are struggling to recruit specialist staff which is holding back many young people from developing great careers and

stopping businesses from growing. We discussed what can be done to bring a new generation of teachers into FE. This included existing initiatives, partnerships with businesses and the government's own campaign.

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## July 2023

### Career Guidance Guarantee for England

**Chair:** Baroness Garden of Frognal

**Speakers:**

- **Professor Tristram Hooley**, Professor of Career Education at the University of Derby
- **Katharine Horler**, Executive Director of Careers England.
- **Beth Jones**, Head of Career Programmes at the Gatsby Foundation
- **Professor Kathryn Mitchell**, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Derby
- **Professor Siobhan Neary**, Head of the International Centre for Guidance Studies
- **Clare Viney**, CEO of The Careers Research and Advisory Centre
- **John Yarham**, Deputy CEO of the Careers and Enterprise Company

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Skills, Careers and Employment partnered with the Career Development Policy Group (CDPG) on a parliamentary roundtable event to explore the proposal of a "Career Guidance Guarantee" for England.

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## May 2024

### Developing Skills and Talent: Social Mobility and Post-16 Education

**Chair:** Baroness Garden of Frognal

**Speakers:**

- **Parminder Kohli**, Commissioner, Social Mobility Commission
- **Lucy McLeod**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer East Kent Colleges Group
- **Professor (emeritus) Ewart Keep**, Chair in Education, Training and Skills at the Department of Education, Oxford University
- **Joe Fitzsimons**, Senior Manager Policy and Insights - EEMA & UK, ACCA
- Further speakers to be confirmed

Policy Connect and the APPG on Skills, Careers and Employment are partnering with the Social Mobility Commission on an event to discuss the role that skills formation has at all stages of life to improve social mobility.

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## APPG SCE Research Outputs

- Higher Education Commission
  - Report on Digitally Enhanced Blended Learning, Launching April 30, 2024
- Skills Commission
  - Report on Skills for 2030, Launching May 15, 2024