

APPG for Skills, Careers and Employment

Summary of Activities 2025

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Event Summary

APGSCE Roundtable: The future of LSIPs

- with Rt Hon Jacqui Smith, Minister for Skills, Baroness Sue Garden of Frognal (APGSCE Officer), Shevaun Haviland (Director General, British Chambers of Commerce), Lucy Druesne (Chief Contracts and Policy Officer, Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce), Mark Andrews (Deputy Executive Principal – Development, North Kent College)

APGSCE Panel: Skills England

- With Sarah MacLean (CEO, Skills England), Phil Smith (Chair, Skills England), Lauren Edwards MP (APGSCE Co-Chair)

APGSCE Panel: Reactions to Post-16 Skills White Paper

- With Lauren Edwards MP, David Hughes (CEO, Association of Colleges), Robert West (Head of Education and Skills, Confederation of British Industry), Alyson Hwang (Research and Strategy Manager, Policy Connect)

APGSCE Panel: The Future of Careers Policy: Progress and Priorities with the Careers Development Policy Group (CDPG)

- With Darren Paffey MP, Clare Viney (CDPG), Nicola Hall (Director of Education, Careers & Enterprise Company), Dr Chris Percy (Consultant, CDPG), Student Representative (West London School – Ruislip High), Cath Possamai (Amazon), Richard Irwin (Global Head of Early Careers, Barclays)

Research Summary

Skills Commission – Earning or Learning: A New Agenda for Youth NEET Reduction

- With Lauren Edwards MP, Josh Babarinde MP and Lord Kevin Shinkwin

[Interim Report Launched – Access Here](#)

Higher Education Commission / APPG for Health – Education and Training Pathways to Support the NHS Long Term Plan

- With Lord Philip Norton of Louth, Kevin McKenna MP, VC Prof. Kathryn Mitchell (University of Derby)
- Parliamentary Session: 28 Feb
- Regional Session: 9 Feb (Bournemouth University)
- Regional Session: 25 Feb (University of Greenwich)

Policy Impact Work

- Meeting with Helen Hayes MP (Education Select Committee Chair) regarding youth NEET.
- Lauren Edwards MP participates in the “Young People not in Education, Employment or Training” Westminster Hall Debate 26 November 2025, and cites the APPG’s work.
- Policy Connect, as secretariat, has responded to several consultations this year, including:
 - Department of Work and Pensions: Young People and Work Call for Evidence
 - Education Select Committee: Higher Education and Funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students
 - Work and Pensions Committee: Employment support for disabled people
 - Work and Pensions Committee: Youth employment, education and training

Membership List

Lauren Edwards MP	LAB
Sir John Hayes MP	CON
Lord Philip Norton	CON
Baroness Sue Garden	LIB-DEM
Jayne Kirkham MP	LAB
Seamus Logan MP	SNP
Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP	LAB
Antonia Bance MP	LAB
Sarah Hall MP	LAB
Richard Quigley MP	LAB
Lord Jim Knight	LAB
Lord Ralph Lucas	CON

Lord David Blunkett	LAB
Kenneth Stevenson MP	LAB
Gregor Poynton MP	LAB
Jack Abbott MP	LAB
Lola McEvoy MP	LAB
Darren Paffey MP	LAB
Ian Sollom MP	LIB-DEM
Dan Aldridge MP	LAB
Lord Karan Bilimoria	CROSS
Lord Michael Watson	LAB
Lord David Willetts	CON