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THE CEC AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2016

SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Thursday, 27 October 2016 | 10:00 – 16:30

Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

Evening Reception: 18:00 at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Room, Palace of Westminster

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- 0915–0945 *ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION (Tea/coffee provided)*
- 0945–1020 I. **Welcome**
Chair: Sonny Leong CBE
Keynote Address
- Lord Jim Knight, Managing Director, Online Services, TES Global Ltd
- 1020–1130 II. **Developing skills for the 21st Century: The role of education providers**
Chair: Dr Mary Stiasny OBE, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of London
- Ian Ashman, President Association of Colleges and Principal, Hackney Downs College.
 - Sue Bennett, University of Warwick and Vice-President Association of Graduate Career Advisory Services
 - Professor Kerstin Mey, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Westminster
- Discussion**
- 1130–1145 **Refreshments**
- 1145–1250 III. **What might be the skill needs for the 21st Century**
Chair: Baroness Royall of Blaisdon
- Simon Franks, Founder of Redbus Film Distribution and Video Island / Lovefilm.
 - Naivasha Mwanji, Elevation Networks
 - Paul Nowak, Deputy General Secretary, Trades Union Congress
- Discussion**
- 1250–1300 **Summary of morning by Baroness Royall of Blaisdon**
- 1300–1400 **LUNCH**
- 1400–1520 IV. **Meeting the needs of students – expectations, aspirations & reality**
- Megan Roche, University of Portsmouth
 - Obiora Eneanya, Imperial College
 - Yuan Yuan, University of Cambridge
 - Etienne Mustow, Queen Mary, University of London
- Student discussion forum**

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

1530–1600

V. Final Plenary

Moving forward – reflecting & understanding

Dr Bob Gilworth, Director of The Careers Group at the University of London, and Director of Research for the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS)

Chair: Dr Neil Kemp OBE

1600

Refreshments

1800

Parliamentary reception

Venue: Inter-Parliamentary Union Room, Palace of Westminster

Host: Tulip Siddiq MP

(please take your conference invitations with you to gain access)

SPEAKERS' PROFILES



Ian Ashman, President Association of Colleges and Principal, Hackney Downs College. He has been a college principal for more than 13 years and has been Chair of the AoC London region since 2010 and is a member of the London Enterprise Panel – Skills and Employment Working Group. He has led a series of innovative initiatives, including facilitating training of the Gamesmaker volunteers for the London 2012 Games. He is the current President-elect of the Association of Colleges.



Sue Bennett is the Director of Student Careers and Skills University of Warwick, and has vast experience in improving graduate employability and developing quality career services in higher education. She has worked at the University of Warwick for 9 years, initially as Director of the Learning and Development Centre, and since May 2009 as Director of Student Careers and Skills. Prior to that, she had a varied career in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. Sue is also the Vice President of the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, the professional body for careers and employability professionals working with higher education students and graduates and prospective entrants to higher education.



Simon Franks is the founder of a number of successful businesses and investor behind a number of enterprises ranging from mature operations to start ups. He sold his first business, (the first company in Europe to stream feature films over the internet), in 2000. He was 28 at the time. In 2003, Simon co-founded and seed-funded Video Island / Lovefilm, Europe's leading online DVD rental business. Lovefilm was subsequently sold in 2011 to Amazon Inc.

Prior to selling it in October 2005, Simon founded and owned Redbus Film Distribution (RFD) which is one of the largest European film production and distribution businesses. RFD had international success with films such as The Gift, Bend it Like Beckham and Good Night and Good Luck. RFD was sold to the US studio Lionsgate.

Simon continues to fund and advise a number of early and mid-stage businesses including Credible.com, Perkbox.com and Infinity Health. Simon has won a number of awards for business, including the Sunday Times Fast Track award. Between 2000 and 2004 Redbus was the UK's fastest growing company with a compound annual growth rate in-excess of 280%.

In 2008, Simon switched his focus to philanthropic pursuits and set up the Franks Family Foundation. He currently serves on the advisory board of the Labour Campaign for International Development, the board of Campaign Bootcamp, is international chairman of The Lake Clinic in Cambodia, an advisor to Tilganga Hospital in Kathmandu and chairman of The Ruit Foundation.

In 2013 Simon was selected as one of the world's 100 top innovators by British Airways and was part of the "BA Ungrounded" flight for the 2013 G8 summit.



Dr Bob Gilworth is Director of The Careers Group at the University of London – the largest higher education careers service in Europe. The Careers Group, University of London, delivers career development and associated services to higher education institutions and corporate clients in London as well as across the UK and Europe. Established in 1909, the Careers Group has around 70 careers consultants supported by a central team of staff who work closely with many kinds of organisations to provide services centred on the needs of their customers.

Last year, the Careers Group delivered services ranging from graduate marketing to corporate consultancy to more than 10,000 employers. Bob leads a cluster of nine higher education careers services based in world renowned institutions such as UCL and King's College London. At the UK level, Bob sits on the Board of AGCAS (Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services) and on the Research Group of the AGR (Association of Graduate Recruiters). He is regularly approached by

institutions to be an external member of senior appointing panels and institutional reviews, and by government and related agencies for expert input into research and policy discussions relating to graduate employability.



Dr Neil Kemp OBE is a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Education, University of London and also manages his own international consultancy company, with specialist interest in international education. He has contributed to a wide range of education and training projects in over 20 countries and has lived and worked in Asia for 20 years, including eight years each in Indonesia and India.

Currently he is a board member of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth, the UK Open University Worldwide and the London School of Commerce. He was recently professional adviser to the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) and was a board member at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex.

He has considerable experience in project management having been responsible for managing and providing consultancy advice on projects for the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, UK-DFID and the EU.

Neil's main interests outside education include coaching athletics, cycling, jazz and blues. He was awarded an MBE in 1979 and OBE in 1989.



Jim Knight, The Rt Hon Lord Knight of Weymouth is the Chief Education Adviser at TES Global, having successfully developed their teacher training business. He is also a visiting professor at the UCL Knowledge Lab and a member of the House of Lords. Jim's main policy interests are education, employment, skills and digital technology. He served as an MP from 2001-2009, during which time he was a minister for rural affairs, schools and then employment, with his final year as a Cabinet minister.

Jim is a co-owner of X Rapid Ltd, the first company to be commercially selling disease diagnosis using an iPhone app. He is also chair of the Tinder Foundation, operating the network of UK Online Centres, and the main digital inclusion delivery organisation in the UK. He is a member of the Government's Digital Engagement Council.



Sonny Leong CBE is Chair of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth. He is the Chief Executive of Civil Service College, responsible for the strategic development of the College, building business relationships with international governmental clients, donor agencies and their contractors, and Executive Chairman of Academy for Parliamentary & Policy Studies.

He has over 35 years of training, education and publishing experience, having worked in various academic and professional publishing houses. He founded Cavendish Publishing and developed it to be the largest independent academic law publisher in the UK before it was acquired by Informa PLC.

He was formerly the Chairman and Hon President of the Independent Publishers Guild, former Chair of International Division and Council member of the Publishers Association in the UK.



Kerstin Mey is Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Westminster School of Media, Arts and Design at the University of Westminster, and holds a Professorship in Contemporary Art and Theory there. Since 1990, she worked in academic positions in universities in Germany and the UK. She holds an MA in German language and literature, and art, and a PhD in art theory/aesthetics from Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. She was Artistic Director of ISEA 2009, the 15th International Symposium on Electronic Art, which took place under the umbrella theme Engaged Creativity in Mobile Environments on the island of Ireland in 2009.

She is a member of the Austrian Science Board; the Peer Review College of the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK); Executive member of CHEAD (Council for Higher Education in Art and Design), a member of the UK HE International Unit's Community of Practice for European Research and Higher Education (Europe CoP); and an the Peer review College of the

AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK). She holds Fellowships of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (UK) and the RSA (Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce).



Naivasha Mwanji has extensive experience in the third sector, working on projects impacting communities in Europe, Asia and Africa. She makes regular contributions to conversations on gender, culture and identity in the diaspora.

Naivasha currently coordinates the university network Elevation Networks. Through this she has worked with organisations such as The Civil Service, The Financial Conduct Authority and Investment banks including, Barclays, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, to help attract more Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) and female candidates into these respective organisations.



Paul Nowak, 43, was appointed Assistant General Secretary of the TUC in February 2013, and was subsequently confirmed as Deputy General Secretary by the TUC General Council in February 2016.

Over the past three years Paul has led on a number of key policy areas including public services, transport and industrial policy. This has included the TUC's work in support of key infrastructure projects such as HS2 and airport expansion in the South East and the TUC's work to secure a positive future for the UK's steel industry.

As well as responsibility for the TUC's organisation in Wales and the English regions, annual Congress, union organising and inter-union relations, Paul's new role will formally deputise for TUC General Secretary Frances O'Grady.



Rt Hon Baroness Jan Royall was elected as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords in May 2010 and became a member Ed Miliband's Shadow Cabinet at the same time. Jan joined the Lords as a life Peer in 2004 and became a member of the Privy Council in 2008.

Jan is an experienced politician who held significant ministerial and other roles in the last Labour government. Having served a Government Whip and Government Spokesperson for Health, International Development and Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2005-2008), she became Government Chief Whip in the Lords in 2008. Jan entered the Cabinet in 2008 as Leader of the Lords (2008-2010) and held the titles of Lord President of the Council (2008- 2009) and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (2009-2010).

Jan is politically experienced in European issues. Beginning with her time as Secretary General of the British Labour Group in the European Parliament (1979-1985) and Policy Adviser/Personal Assistant to Neil Kinnock as Leader of the Opposition, Jan became a member of the latter's Cabinet when he was European Commissioner for Transport (1995-1999) and Vice President of the Commission (1999-2002). Jan was then responsible for the Commission's relationship with the European Parliament before becoming Head of the European Commission Office in Wales (2003-2004).



Dominic Scott OBE has been Chief Executive of the UK Council for International Students Affairs (UKCISA) since 2004, following 20 years' experience at the British Council with most of his time spent living and working overseas. Reporting to UKCISA's Board of Trustees, he leads UKCISA's 16 staff and has overall responsibility for policy, strategy, funding and external relations. He spends much of his time on visa related policy issues and in discussion with government departments and agencies on all aspects of international student policy and the international student experience.

Dominic is Vice Chairman of the British Accreditation Council and a member of the Home Office's Education Sector Forum, the UCAS International Board, the Outward Mobility Strategy Board and the Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Support Group.

In 2000, Dominic was awarded an OBE for services to education and UK links with India.



Tulip Siddiq MP was elected Member of Parliament (MP) for Hampstead and Kilburn at the 2015 general election.

She is vice-chairwoman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group against Antisemitism and a member of the Women and Equalities Select Committee. She was previously a councillor for Regent's Park and Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities in Camden Council.

In October 2016, she was appointed as Shadow Education Minister in Jeremy Corbyn's front bench.



Dr Mary Stiasny OBE is Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) and Chief Executive of the International Programmes.

She was previously at the Institute of Education, where Dr Stiasny was Pro-Director with responsibility for Learning Teaching and International. Working life for Dr Stiasny began as a secondary school teacher.

She then joined Goldsmiths College, where she worked in initial teacher education, becoming Director of PGCE and Deputy Head of the Department of Educational Studies.

This was followed by a move to Oxford Brookes University as Deputy Head of the School of Education, then to the University of Greenwich as Head of the School of Education and Training, followed by four years at the British Council as Director of Education and Training before joining the Institute of Education in 2007.

In her current role as Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr Stiasny provides academic leadership for more than 50,000 students in 180 countries studying for a University of London award, the world's oldest and leading provider of distance and flexible learning.

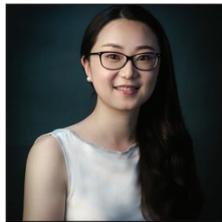
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