



9TH OCTOBER VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, LEADING CITIES TO WORK

Hosted by: Department for Employment and Learning
Venue: Belfast Metropolitan College
e3 Building at Springvale Campus

9.00 - 9.30 Registration

9.30 - 9.35 Welcome
Sir Geoff Hall

9.35 – 9.45 Opening Remarks
Bruce Leslie
Chair of RC 2020

The Belfast Story

9.45 - 10.00 Keynote: Dr. Stephen Farry, MLA. Minister of Employment and Learning. Vocational Education and Training at the heart of Belfast's economic resurgence.

10.00 - 10.20 Alastair Hamilton, Chief Executive of Invest Northern Ireland. Vocational Education and Training – ensuring a skilled workforce for tomorrow's investors.

10.20 - 10.40 Marie Therese McGivern, Principal and Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College and Jackie Henry, Partner Deloitte Belfast. Case Study 'Private Eye! Tailored Solutions for the Private Sector'.

Comfort Break

11.00 – 11.45 Round table Discussion
Qualifications versus Skills – in 2014, which holds greatest currency?

11.45 – 12.15 Panel Q&A
Panel Members
Alastair Hamilton – Chief Executive, Invest Northern Ireland.
John McGrillen – Development Director, Belfast City Council.
Marie Therese McGivern, Principal and Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College.
Ann McGregor – Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce.
Panel Chair
Sir Geoff Hall

Lunch

The International Story

- 1.00 – 1.20 Keynote: The City Growth Commission. Human Capitals: Driving UK Metro Growth through Workforce Development.
- 1.20 – 1.35 The Sydney Story
- 1.35 – 1.50 The US Story
- 1.50 – 2.05 The US Story

Comfort Break

- 2.20 – 3.00 Round table Discussion
Raising the profile of Vocational Education and Training.
- 3.00 – 3.45 Panel Q&A
Panel Members
City Growth Commission
Sydney TAFE
Oklahoma
Milwaukie
Leeds
Panel Chair
- 3.45 – 4.00 Closing Remarks
Sir Geoff Hall

CONFERENCE AND COLLEGE SHOWCASE.

Hosted by: Helen Bready, City and Guilds

Venue: Belfast Metropolitan College
Titanic Quarter Campus

6:30 – 9:00 Enjoy the very best of Northern Ireland's fare produced by Belfast Met's award winning students; the Culinary masters of the future!

Delegates will enjoy a showcase of Belfast Met's creative talent.