

Employability Symposium 10 March 2026

09:20 - 09:30	Platform opens Welcome and Introduction Zoom link 1		10 minutes
09:30 - 09:40	Stuart Norton, Advance HE		10 minutes
09:40 - 10:25	Keynote Employability with Purpose: Ethical, Sustainable Skills and the Power of Sector Collaboration Dr Samantha Burvill, Swansea University		45 minutes
10:25 - 10:35	Transition period		10 minutes
10:35 - 11:35	Parallel Session 1 - Oral Presentations		
	Zoom link 1 Chair: Stuart Norton	Zoom link 2 Chair: Mark O'Hara	Zoom link 3 Chair: Samantha Burvill
	1.1a Futureproofing employability: Designing equity and social capital for black and global majority youth	1.2a From access to impact: Inclusive internships driving systemic change	1.3b Beyond the classroom: Mapping authentic assessment for real-world readiness
	Lynette Nabbossa, Glasgow Caledonian University	Dr Hannah Lavery, Paulette Johnson Belinda Yare and The Open University	Dr Stephanie Baines, Dr Pauldy Otermans, Prof David Tree and Dr Nicholas Worsfold, Brunel University of London
	1.1b Future skills frameworks in life sciences: Co-creating inclusive, industry-aligned pathways	1.2b Developing future skills through reflection: Lessons from a work-based degree programme	1.3c Scaling working integrated learning in Criminology and Sociology: Building bridges beyond the classroom
Dr Laura Mccaughey and Tracy Maxwell, University of Glasgow	Dr Matthew Barr, Dr Oana Andrei, Dr Syed Waqar Nabi and Dr Alistair Morrison, University of Glasgow	Dr Adam Westall, Liz Cain and Alicia Denby, Manchester Metropolitan University	
1.1c Navigating employability: Student perspective across the Higher Education ecosystem			
Denis Persichini, University of Reading			
11:35 - 11:50	Break		15 minutes
11:50 - 12:30	Parallel Session 2 - Workshops		
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	2.1 Multi-level coaching: Enhancing employability across leaders, educators and learners	2.2 Come together: Innovation through collegiate practice	2.3 Making skills visible: Supporting students to identify, reflect and articulate their future skills
Rihan Mustapha, Al-Khaleej for Education & Training (PNU-ELI)	Dr Stacey Noble, Dr Sarah Robin and Laurie Watson, Lancaster University	Dr Maxine Swingler, Jamie Murray, Ian Mindreau, Zayba Ghazhali Mohammed, Steven McNair and Fiona Stubbs, University of Glasgow	
12:30 - 13:20	Lunch		50 minutes
13:20 - 14:20	Parallel Session 3 - Oral Presentations		
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	3.1a Developing employability in Postgraduate psychology conversion students: Insights into student experience	3.2a Developing and assessing skills on a work-based degree programme: A student perspective	3.3a Graduate futures through third space innovation: A collaborative model for success
	Dr Steven McNair and Audrey Dee, University of Glasgow	Dr Matthew Barr and Rose Howie, University of Glasgow	Laura Ingham, Rajinder Boucher and Sam Pennington, Bath Spa University
	3.1b Bridging learning and employability: A reflective portfolio co-created with students	3.2b Building real-world readiness for Law students	3.3b Nottingham Trent University's student knowledge exchange practice network: A transformative model for third space collaboration and innovation
Dr Danai Serfioti, Nottingham Trent University	Dr Shalini Perera, Professor Nigel Spencer and Leonie Dos Santos, Queen Mary University of London	Aga Kelly and Dr Rachel Bolton-King, Nottingham Trent University	
3.1c Co-creating green futures: Embedding sustainable business practice and CSR in the energy sector into Law students' employability learning	3.2c Employer insights for curriculum, pedagogy and assessment	3.3c Third space innovation: Futureproofing employability through enhancing professionalism	
Lord Godwin Daramola, University of Hull	Claire Crichton-Allen, Dr Scott Strachan and Dr Lizann Bonnarr, Strathclyde University	Dr Henry Mills, Chris O'Malley and Salome Bolton, Newcastle University	
14:20 - 14:30	Transition period		10 minutes
14:30 - 15:10	Parallel Session 4 - Workshops		
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4.1 Preparing students for work beyond the classroom: Strategies for teaching practitioners	4.2 Beyond one-to-one: Innovating supervision in Higher Education		
Dr Anastasia Jablonska, Kings College London	Dr Ashley Robertson, University of Glasgow		
15:10 - 15:25	Break		15 minutes
15:25 - 16:25	Parallel Session 5 - Oral Presentations		
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	5.1a In-progress case study: Psychology student work placement: Chartering experiential learning approaches within the faculty of Engineering	5.2a ELEMENT: Employability for learning : Integrating employability learning into the core curriculum at scale : A case study- approach NTU School of Social Sciences	
	Dr Mike Murray, Dr Scott Strachan, Ross MacLachlan, Morven McDonald, Daniel Campbell, Lizann Bonnarr and Alex Bryce, University Of Strathclyde	Angela Vesey and Bjorn Le Roux, Nottingham Trent University	
	5.1b Scaling industry engagement: Connecting our students with professional insights across disciplines	5.2b Nothing can go wrong! Live brief format innovation	
Emily Crosbie, Marianne Savory and Laura Warrington, University of Leeds	Dr Maria Bortnovskaya and Paul Dwyer, University of Westminster		
5.1c Making it count: How student consultancy can drive HE-BCI returns and graduate outcomes	5.2c Amplifying competencies associated with collaboration and communication through community building on taught Postgraduate programmes at an online, distance learning institution		
Tiffany Frye and Duncan Silvey, Bath Spa University	Dr Hannah Lavery and Dr Judy Chandler, The Open University		
16:25 - 16:35	Transition period		10 minutes
16:35 - 16:45	Closing Plenary		
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