

OPEN INSPIRATION EVENT

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Welcome

Welcome to the Open Awards Open Inspiration Event.

The day is jam-packed with expert speakers covering a range of different issues currently affecting our sector.

Please feel free to join in and ask any questions you may have. There are several colleagues from the Open Awards team ready to have a chat, offer ideas to or arrange a catch up meeting after the event.

Please remember to tweet your questions and comments using the hashtag **#openinspiration** and if we do not have a chance to answer any on the day, we will ensure we get the answers over to you after the event.

Thank you

Open Awards would like to say a big thank you to Weightmans for their hospitality for this Open Inspiration Event.



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Weightmans is a top 45 law firm, growing rapidly because of its focus on two key aspects of business: it's clients and it's people.

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Dates for the Diary

At Open Awards, we think collaboration is key. We regularly host workshops, forums and training sessions to bring together those with first-hand knowledge and experience. Keep an eye out on the events section of our website for up-and-coming workshops to get involved in.

Safer Custody Qualification Development Workshop



Thursday 19th January 2017

In response to Recommendation Four of the Coates Review of Education in Prison, we are developing a personal social development qualification targeted specifically at offender learners - Join us and have your say.

Access to Higher Education Forum



Thursday 19th January 2017

This forum is designed to keep Access to HE providers up-to-date with changes in the industry and provide an excellent opportunity for providers to meet and discuss their experiences and current issues. Book yourself on and join the conversation.

Free Curriculum Advice Sessions



Free Advice Sessions 2017

Throughout 2017 our Business Development Consultants are offering free advice sessions for existing centres, new centres or those who are considering accreditation. These are held throughout the UK for your convenience. Book your place today via the openawards website.

<http://openawards.org.uk/whats-new/open-awards-events/>

Agenda

Morning



We are proud to be supporting the Share your Lunch Campaign for this event.

It is estimated that 60,000 people in Liverpool have accessed a food bank in the last 12 months. A shocking 25,000 of these are children.

Laura McCumiskey from Can Cook will briefly introduce the campaign before lunch. For each lunch purchased, money will be donated to this good cause. We hope you enjoy the delicious food.

For more on the Share your Lunch Campaign call the helpline on 0151 472 2507



This year sees the launch of the new book 'Developing Employability and Enterprise' - Coaching Strategies for Success in the Workplace.

We are delighted to have Doug Strycharczyk here to speak today.

Our very own Heather Akehurst has also contributed to the book by writing 3 chapters; Presenting Personal Information for Employer, Developing Employability and Enterprise and Work Placements and Internships.

Please ask any of the team for more information about the book.

Elaine Bowker - Principal of The City of Liverpool College



Elaine Bowker was appointed Principal of The City of Liverpool College on 1st June 2011 and holds the position of Group Chief Executive of The City of Liverpool College Group.

She is currently a director of the Liverpool and Sefton Chambers of Commerce and a member of the Tate Liverpool Advisory Council and the Liverpool City Region LEP Advisory Council, as well as a Trustee of the Scottish Power Foundation. Her previous roles include Strategic Director of Transformation at Manchester City Council and Area Director for Greater Merseyside at the Learning and Skills Council. Elaine will be speaking about her experiences of implementing the Area Review process.

Councillor Nick Small - Assistant Mayor of Liverpool and the Cabinet Member for Education, Employment & Skills at Liverpool City Council.

Nick is a Director of Liverpool Vision, the city's economic development agency and Liverpool Science Park. He is a governor of Liverpool Hope University and Liverpool Community College. He graduated with an MA in Politics from the University of Edinburgh and has an MBA in Business Finance and Management from the University of Liverpool. Nick worked as a management consultant for 11 years for Grant Thornton and KPMG, specialising in the financial sector.

Nick will be talking about implementing Local flexibilities and the impact this will have on Further Education Providers.



Palvinder Singh - Vice Principal, Growth and Development Leeds City College and Doug Heckman Head of FE at Emsi



Palvinder has experience of managing change in multiple colleges, including Barnsley, Tameside and Bradford. He is passionate about learning, skills and qualifications and the part that these play in building secure communities.

Doug is head of FE at EMSI - an economical modeling tool enabling users to establish which sectors are likely to see growth or decline, which skills will be needed in the growth sectors, and which occupations employees from declining sectors might most easily transfer into.

Agenda

Afternoon



Doug Strycharczyk- Manager Director of AQR

AQR International is a test and development materials developer as well as a consultancy specialising in developing individuals and organisations in Performance, Wellbeing and Positive Behaviour. In education AQR works in 100s of schools, colleges and universities across the globe on attainment, wellbeing, employability and retention for staff and students.

Doug will describe his work on Mental Toughness developed with Peter Clough, Professor of Applied Psychology at MMU and how development can be achieved by coaches, managers and tutors.

George Sanderson - Co-Director of Unique Insights

George is a director at Unique Insights, an organisation which helps universities spot the students who are most vulnerable to dropping out.

Over 27,000 students drop out of university in the UK alone, every single year. With the average institutions drop-out rate being 7% and each student bringing in just under £30K in revenue throughout their student lifecycle, it is a massive issue for universities and other learning providers.

George will be talking about Unique Insight's analytic tool and exploring how it can be used to support both students and learning providers.



Ben Rockliffe Head of Business and Strategy at Open Awards and Helen Cain Assistant Head Teacher at Bank View High School

Over the past 12 months Ben and the Open Awards team have been working with the Awarding Consortium to revise and refresh our Functional Skills offer. In this session he will talk through the improvements which include online assessments at Level 1 and Level 2, quicker turnaround of results and e-certification. Helen Cain from Bank View High School was involved in the piloting of the Maths assessments and will share her learners experiences of the new approach.



Agenda

Afternoon

Mark McKenna- Managing Director of Mindful Education

Mindful Education specialise in creating bespoke, media-rich Further & Higher education courses in partnership with Colleges. They have a strong focus on creativity and flexibility, allowing them to meet changing student needs and demands.

Retention and Resilience are topics that Mindful Education have a strong interest in. In addition to speaking about how student and pedagogical needs can be met with technology and creative media, Mark will focus on how motion graphics and analytics can play an important role in learner resilience and retention.



Stuart St V Fitzgerald CEO and Rhea Fennell- Rutherford COO - The JUST Group

The Just Group was developed to create positive social change, a unique social business that influences and educates people for the betterment of society. They deliver a number of equality and diversity programmes fitting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development needs of todays society. They work through the PSHE and citizenship curriculum in schools in conjunction with CPD programmes in business and within community settings.

They will be talking about their organisation and why the Badge of Excellence is perfect for their training sessions.



Nina Hinton Development and Marketing Manager at Open Awards and Sara Carter from Hugh Baird College

Open Awards is committed to working closely with our centres, learners, employers and partner organisations to develop a curriculum that meets the individual needs of learners and supports progression and achievement of aspirations. Nina will talk through what Open Awards offers and how our approach can support learner retention and achievement. She will also share plans for curriculum and qualification development over the next 12 months.

Sara Carter from Hugh Baird College will be sharing their experiences of utilising Open Awards qualifications and the positive impact this has had on their learners.

