



## Careers England E-newsletter: February 2017

Welcome to **Issue 107** of the members' e-newsletter

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### Latest Careers England news

#### **Careers strategy faces further delays**

Robert Halfon MP has set out his plans for the long-awaited careers strategy, which is set to be published later this year. It was thought that the Apprenticeship and Skills Minister would launch the strategy in his speech at Westminster Academy, in London, but instead he referenced the government's recently published Industrial Strategy which focuses on delivering a high skilled, competitive economy. Halfon did make some promising comments about careers advice, calling it 'the first rung on a ladder of opportunity' and said that he will bring 'greater coherence' to the areas of careers guidance, technical education and apprenticeships. Read the full speech [here](#).

#### **Industrial strategy sets out skills plans**

As referenced above, the Government has published a green paper titled '[Building our Industrial Strategy](#)', aimed at improving living standards and economic growth by increasing productivity and driving growth across the UK. Developing skills is one of the ten pillars of the strategy, which looks at developing a new system of technical education through the routes set out in the post-16 skills plan. The document is intended to act as an initial consultation, and is cited by Theresa May as 'a critical part of our plan for a post-Brexit Britain'. Individuals and organisations have until 17<sup>th</sup> April to respond.

#### **New opportunity areas identified**

Education Secretary Justine Greening has announced the expansion of an additional six 'opportunity areas' in England (areas identified as social mobility 'cold-spots'). Bradford, Doncaster, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire, Hastings, Ipswich and Stoke-on-Trent join the list, bringing the total number of areas to twelve. Local partnerships will be formed to include all education provision, businesses, charities and local authorities, and each area will gain a research school to lead the development and dissemination of evidence-led practice in local schools. [Read more](#).

#### **Careers England joins The Careers & Enterprise Company ambassadors group**

A year since its inception, The Careers & Enterprise Company has announced the formation of an ambassador group consisting of experts from across the sector. Our Executive Director Steve Stewart will join other stakeholders to provide advice across key work streams, and support the dissemination of key messages to a wider audience. The group will be chaired by Christine Hodgson, Chair of

## Task Group information

Thank you to those who fed into our recent consultation on task groups. The initial meeting for each group has been confirmed and will take place on the time and date below. Each meeting will take place in central London. For more information about the groups, including joining, please email [jessica.rexworthy@careersengland.org.uk](mailto:jessica.rexworthy@careersengland.org.uk).

Task group	Chair	Vice-chair	Meeting
Quality	Virginia Isaac (Inspiring Futures)	Sarah Stabler (Aspire-igen)	10/02/17
Social mobility	John Yarham (Futures)	Craig Garton (CXK)	02/03/17
Apprenticeships	Laura Bell (CfBT)	Olly Newton (Edge Foundation)	08/02/17
All-age careers guidance	Martin Vowles (Ansbury)	Emma Gotz (Hampshire Futures)	16/02/17
Exec-Director task & finish	Katharine Horler (Adviza)	Andy Gardner (Central London Careers Hub)	TBC

## News from across the sector

### **Halfon: Careers advice at colleges ‘state of the art’ but schools not good enough**

<http://feweek.co.uk/2017/01/30/halfon-careers-advice-at-colleges-state-of-the-art-but-schools-not-good-enough/>

**Northern Powerhouse report: Schools need urgent attention** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38854271>

**The government’s new Institutes of Technology represent a great opportunity – let’s hope they make the most of it** <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/02/02/governments-new-institutes-technology-represent-great-opportunity/>

**Work visits result in fewer young NEETs** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38842481>

**Government pushes for more over 60s apprentices** <http://feweek.co.uk/2017/02/02/government-pushes-for-more-over-60s-apprentices/>

**Apprenticeship targets ‘poor value for money’ says IFS** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38798305>

## Information, consultations and resources

### **Inquiry into the transition from education to employment**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Youth Employment UK is holding an inquiry into the transition for young people between education and employment. This inquiry seeks to understand what the challenges are for young people moving from education into employment. It wants to understand if these challenges are changing. It also wants to evidence local authorities/LEP’s and/or organisations who are having a positive impact on this transitional point for young people. **Read more** and contribute by 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## QiCS case study

Thinking about gaining the Quality in Careers Standard (QiCS)? Read this [case study](#) from a Bristol school which has recently achieved Investor in Careers for the first time. The school is committed to not just fulfilling its statutory requirements but providing students with exceptional support and guidance.

## National Careers Week 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education. Activities will be taking place at schools and colleges throughout the UK. This may involve employer talks, workplace visits, careers fairs, use of free NCW resources, classroom activities or taster sessions. For more information visit the NCW website.

## Conferences, events and training

### National Careers Guidance shows – Leicester, London and Leeds Feb & March

Organised by The CDI and Prospects, these free events provide an opportunity for careers professionals to learn and network with sector colleagues. More info and register [here](#).

### The Skills Summit – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, London

The Skills Summit 2017 will examine topics ranging from the Apprenticeship levy to workplace learning, providing invaluable policy updates, best practice tips and the chance to influence industry debates.

### Choices Manchester – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March

Looking to be the largest show of its kind in the North West, Choices comes for the first time to EventCity Manchester and brings together the experience and expertise of Prospects Events, the Careers and Enterprise Company, and Worldskills UK. More info [here](#).

### Next steps for regional development and the future of the Northern Powerhouse – 21<sup>st</sup> April, Manchester

Delegates at this seminar will consider the next steps for supporting regional growth across the country, including the Prime Minister's policy priorities on devolution, economic growth outside of the capital, and the future for a 'Northern Powerhouse' in England. [Book here](#).

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## Members' information

### Do you have anything you would like to share or ask?

We are happy to share information from our members. Please send items for inclusion to [jessica.rexworthy@careersengland.org.uk](mailto:jessica.rexworthy@careersengland.org.uk).

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