

FutureReady Conference 2016



The future of our region is in school

Thursday 4 February 2016
The Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe
County Durham

Audience

Head Teachers, Senior Leaders
Heads of Departments
Careers Leads
PSHE staff, School Governors

Speakers include:

Nick Newman, *Careers Champion
& Founder of National Careers Week*

Claudia Harris, *Chief Executive of the Careers
& Enterprise Company*

Dr Tom Harrison, *Director of Development,
Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues*

Ryan Gibson, *National Facilitator Career Benchmarks
Pilot, North East LEP*

James Ramsbotham, *Chief Executive, North East
Chamber of Commerce*

Ed Fidoe, *Chief Executive Officer, 21 Trust*



Exhibition & Networking



A conference focusing on what a young person
needs to succeed in the 21st century

Conference Programme

8:30 Registration & Exhibition

9:30 Welcome

Mike Parker, Director, SCHOOLS North East
Edwin Milligan, Strategic Partnerships Manager, National Careers Service

9:50 Keynote Address: A celebration of careers guidance and opportunities

National Careers Week provides a focus for careers guidance activity in every school, academy and college across the country. With one month to go until National Careers Week 2016, be inspired and get ideas for your school.

Nick Newman, Founder of National Careers Week

10:20 Developing the characteristics, values and habits needed to succeed in the 21st century

Developing children's characters is an obligation on us all. Character is not only the foundation for improved attainment and increased employability, but also contributes to human and societal flourishing.

Are schools doing enough to prepare students for life beyond the classroom? How can we embed character education in the curriculum? What are the attitudes and attributes students need to succeed?

Dr Tom Harrison, Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues

Ed Fidoe, Chief Executive Officer, 21 Trust

11:20 Break & Exhibition

11:40 Keynote Address: Building an effective careers and enterprise plan

The Careers & Enterprise Company was created by the government in 2014 to transform the provision of careers education. Learn about what is taking place and how you can ensure that your careers and enterprise plan is based on 'what works'.

Claudia Harris, CEO at the Careers and Enterprise Company

12:10 Lunch & Exhibition

13:10 State of the region

A State of the Region look at the choices and influences impacting on children and young people in the North East. Learn about the trends that will shape their futures and the opportunities that exist here in the region.

Where will future North East jobs come from? What are the key sectors flourishing in the region?

How can we ensure that young people have the skills to match jobs?

James Ramsbotham, Chief Executive, North East Chamber of Commerce

Hear from a **panel of employers**, representing each of the key sectors in the North East. Learn about the different roles on offer in each sector and the key skills young people will need to take advantage of them.

14:10 Break & Exhibition

14:30 Good Practice in Secondary Schools

Hear from schools in the North East, who are currently taking part in the Career Benchmarks Pilot.

Thirteen schools are currently rigorously testing eight careers guidance benchmarks and will generate case studies to help create a new model that can be rolled out nationally.

Hear about what works and learn from the good practice taking place in schools across the region.

Ryan Gibson, National Facilitator,
Career Benchmarks Pilot

Denis Heaney, North East Enterprise Advisor

Speakers from North East schools involved in the pilot

14:30 Good Practice in Primary Schools

Victoria Academy, Cumbria

An inspirational school helping to bring the worlds of education and business closer together in the Furness area.

Caroline Vernon, Head Teacher, Victoria Academy

Rickleton Primary School

A school which has built an innovative and successful partnership with Rolls-Royce UK.

Colin Lofthouse, Rickleton Primary School

Knightly Virtues Programme

A programme designed to teach character and enhance Virtue Literacy through stories.

Dr Tom Harrison, Jubilee Centre for Character & Virtues

16:00 Close

*This programme is provisional and may be subject to change

About FutureReady

FutureReady focuses on the knowledge and experiences, along with the key attributes and attitudes, a young person needs to succeed in the 21st century.

Last year's inaugural conference brought together over 100 school senior leaders and careers staff from across the North East. Building on its success, and timed to take place one month before [National Careers Week](#) (7-11 March 2016), we expect this year's event to be even bigger and better. We hope that it will help inspire careers guidance activity in the run up to National Careers Week and beyond.

The conference will cover key themes, including: **good careers guidance, school-business, engagement and character education**. As well as a national focus, the conference will also take a look at the challenges and opportunities that exist here in the North East.

Exhibition & Networking

Over lunch and coffee breaks, you will have the opportunity to visit our exhibition of specially selected organisations, all of which provide further careers related support for schools. You will also be able to meet colleagues in similar roles, network with people working in the careers sector and expand your personal networks.

Book your place today!

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