

UPSCALING T LEVELS: DELIVERING NEW PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

 **Digital Conference**

 **Wednesday 13th May 2026**



Key Speakers



Overview

With over 30,000 students now enrolled across 21 subject routes, T Levels have rapidly evolved from the pilot phase into the backbone of England's technical education system. Following record growth in 2024, with 25,500 new starters and nearly 300 providers delivering courses, attention has now shifted to ensuring quality and sustainability as provision scales up nationally.

In October 2025, the Government published the *Post-16 Education and Skills White Paper*, reaffirming T Levels as the flagship technical qualification in England, and central to the long-term reform of post-16 education and skills. Alongside this, the launch of the *Post-16 Level 3 and Below Pathways Consultation* sets out proposals to simplify the qualifications landscape — introducing new V Levels at Level 3 and replacing the current T Level Foundation Year with a new Further Study Pathway, based on Foundation Certificates. These reforms aim to create a clear three-pathway system of A Levels, T Levels and V Levels, while continuing to expand the range of T Level subjects and strengthen employer engagement, placements and progression routes.

This Policy Foresight digital conference offers a timely opportunity for key stakeholders from FE providers, schools, awarding organisations and employers to understand what the changes set out in the White Paper mean in practice, examine the potential impact of the consultation's proposals and share views on the what the new framework could mean for learners, providers and employers. The conference will explore how T Levels can be scaled up successfully in this new landscape — addressing on-going recruitment and retention issues, strengthening local collaboration and widening industry placement partnerships.

Why Attend?

- Digital conference featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers and key officials
- Assess the Government's latest T Level updates including the *Post-16 Education and Skills White Paper*, and the impact of the proposals in the *Post-16 Level 3 and Below Pathways Consultation*
- Examine recent changes to industry placements guidance, including the introduction of flexible remote options, route-level placements and simulated placement activity
- Gather knowledge on successfully designing, developing and delivering high-quality T Levels
- Learn strategies to upscale T Levels through stronger local employer partnerships, enhanced teacher and student recruitment and retention, improved course content and expanded progression pathways
- Share ideas with fellow participants from further education, industry, awarding bodies, employers and government
- Take part in interactive *Question Time* sessions with opportunities to engage directly with all speakers
- On demand – Exclusive access to speaker presentations and post-event resources

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Programme

09:30 AM	Delegate Online Login
10:00 AM	Introduction by Conference Organiser
10:05 AM	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Borley, Associate Director, TLPD, Education and Training Foundation
10:10 AM	<p>Keynote Address: T Levels and Post-16 Skills – The National Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aligning T Levels with the Government's long-term vision for post-16 skills and technical education reform ➤ Examining the implications of the <i>Post-16 Education and Skills White Paper</i> and <i>Post-16 Level 3 and Below Pathways Consultation</i> — including the proposed Further Study Pathway and its impact on student progression and provider planning ➤ Looking towards the final <i>Curriculum and Assessment Review</i> ➤ Understanding how continued funding and capital investment will support provider growth, innovation and capacity building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Pinn, Deputy Director, T Levels, Department for Education
10:30 AM	Keynote Address: Questions and Discussion
10:50 AM	Comfort Break
11:00 AM	<p>Panel Session One: Boosting the T Level Offer – Raising Awareness, Investing in Student Enrolment and Supporting Progression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening the visibility and reputation of T Levels through effective communication, outreach and careers guidance ➤ Supporting learner progression through the transition from GCSE to Level 3 study, including the proposed Further Study Pathway ➤ Embedding inclusion and access by supporting learners from diverse backgrounds and those with SEND ➤ Enhancing student support, enrichment and pastoral guidance to improve retention, completion and progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Sezen, Director of Education Policy, Association of Colleges • Andy Long, Head of UK Student Recruitment and Access, Keele University
11:50 AM	Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion
12:15 PM	Comfort Break

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1:00 PM	<p>Programme Cont'd</p> <p>Panel Session Two: Scaling Up T Level Delivery – Building Capacity and Quality in the Teaching Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthening provider readiness and delivery capacity as participation expands across subjects and regions ➤ Supporting high-quality teaching and workforce development through professional training and sector-led collaboration ➤ Embedding consistency and quality assurance through refreshed specifications, assessment reforms and provider networks ➤ Exploring how Ofqual will ensure T Levels maintain a high-quality standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andrew McArthur, <i>Business Lecturer, Gateshead College; T Level Ambassador, Department for Education</i> ● Suzanne Hall, <i>Head of Product Management and Strategy, Pearson</i> ● Ashley Grute, <i>Assistant Principal - A Levels and Vocational Curriculum, Alton, HSDC Colleges</i>
1:50 PM	Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion
2:15 PM	Comfort Break
2:30 PM	<p>Panel Session Three: Scaling Up Placement Opportunities – Collaboration and Partnership Building with Industry and Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developing strategic local and regional partnerships to expand industry placement capacity across sectors ➤ Boosting flexibility – Exploring new placement models, including hybrid, simulated and route-level options, to widen access and meet employer needs ➤ Strengthening employer engagement and collaboration through the Employer Support Fund and regional networks ➤ Enhancing support for both employers and students throughout the placement process to improve learning outcomes and satisfaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Simon Bone, <i>Strategic Workforce Project Manager, NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board; Chair, T Level Ambassador Network (South)</i> ● Gert Rohrmann, <i>Training and Development Manager, Smart Infrastructure Division, Siemens</i> ● John Yarham, <i>Chief Executive, Careers & Enterprise Company</i> ● Simon Shaw, <i>T Level Industry Placement Specialist, SDN Mesma Group</i>
3:20 PM	Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion
3:40 PM	Final Questions and Chair's Summary & Closing Comments
3:45 PM	End of Digital Conference

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