

The ERSA Conference 2019: The future of ESF and employability

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Date: 27 November 2019 **Venue:** Marriott Regents Park Hotel, London NW1

Registration: 08.00 – 09.15 **Conference:** 09.15 – 17.00 **Networking drinks reception:** 17.00 – 18.00

Please listen out to any last minute changes to the programme from your conference chairs.

The ERSA Conference Programme 2019	
<i>Conference programme sponsor - Rocket Science</i>	
08.00 - 09.15	Registration and networking
09.15 - 09.20	Welcome and introduction to the day Elizabeth Taylor, Chief Executive, ERSA
09.20 – 09.30	Chair of the ERSA Board Richard Clifton, Chief Commercial Officer, Shaw Trust
09.30 – 10.45	Plenary debate: Future Funding for Employment Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Barnard, Head of Policy and Partnerships, Joseph Rowntree Foundation • Stephen Evans, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute • Tony Armstrong, Chief Executive, Locality • Dr Joan Dixon, Principal Policy Officer, Industrial Communities Alliance
10.45 – 11.45	Breakouts 1 – 4: Showcasing success <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Movement to Work: Unlocking young people’s potential through work 2. Fulfilling Work for older workers 3. Women returners and in-work progression 4. Young, employed and homeless
11.45 - 12.10	Refreshments and networking
12.10 – 12.15	Welcome back Elizabeth Taylor, Chief Executive, ERSA
12.15 – 12.40	The General Election: Putting it in context Martin Bentham, Home Affairs Editors, Evening Standard
12.40 – 13.40	Lunch and networking
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13.45 – 14.10	The General Election: Political Party Pledge from the Conservative Party
14.10 – 15.10	Breakouts 5 – 8: Future proofing and opportunities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Funding challenges and opportunities through DPS 6. Social entrepreneurs are supporting people distant from the labour market 7. The scale-up of IPS - what does it mean for you? 8. The future of professional practice and organisational capacity
15.10 – 15.35	The General Election: Political Party Pledge from the Labour Party
15.35 – 16.00	Refreshments and networking
16.00 – 16.30	ERSA report launch: #SharingProsperityUK Sharing Prosperity: Building Better Employment Support for the UK <i>Sponsored by Shaw Trust and The Salvation Army</i>
16.30 – 17.00	Building Better Opportunities: Showcasing grant holders’ success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Ormiston, EU Programme Manager, Big Lottery Fund • Tanya Sealey, Programme Lead, The Carers Trust • Marie Nichols, Senior Project Manager, Renaisi
17.00 – 18.00	Networking drinks and close

The ERSA Conference Programme 2019 – The Breakouts

10.45 – 11.45 Breakouts 1 – 4: Showcasing success

1.	<p>10.45 – 11.45 (Main Hall)</p> <p>Movement to Work: Unlocking young people’s potential through work</p> <p>Movement to Work’s aim is to bring about social change and break the cycle which has led to around 800,000 young people NEET. This session, through the eyes of employers and young people’s experiences, will showcase evidence of the positive impact Movement to Work has made to drive business performance whilst providing invaluable work experience needed to gain a step on the career ladder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Gale, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Young Women’s Trust (chair)• Kirsten O’Connell, Regional Lead, Movement to Work
2.	<p>10.45 – 11.45 (Highgate 2)</p> <p>Fulfilling Work for older workers</p> <p>With an ambitious goal to get one million more people aged 50-69 in fulfilling work by 2022, the Centre for Ageing Better will showcase some of their projects across age friendly employers and worklessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tony Carr, Consultant, TC Consulting (chair)• Kim Chaplain, Associate Director, The Centre for Ageing Better
3.	<p>10.45 – 11.45 (Camden 1)</p> <p>Women returners and in-work progression</p> <p>With nearly half of children in single parent households living in poverty, low pay and financial hardship is a critical issue for many single parent families. Returner programmes provide opportunities for employers to access a largely untapped pool of experienced and motivated individuals who have been out of work for an extended period of time. Gingerbread will highlight barriers that prevent single parents progressing in their jobs. BBO contract winner, Belina will then outline the successes and scalability of the Get Ready for Work programme which supports BAME women back into employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brian Bell, Chief Executive Officer (chair)• Laura Dewar, Policy Officer, Gingerbread• Liz Sewell, Director, Belina GRoW
4.	<p>10.45 – 11.45 (Highgate 1)</p> <p>Young, employed and homeless</p> <p>Centrepont will present findings from their policy report which outlines homeless young people’s experiences of precarious employment. The session will include contributions from a Housing Support Manager and Centrepont’s training company with evidence from employer partners on what works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tony Wilson, Institute Director, Institute of Employment Studies (chair)• Abigail Gill, Senior Policy and Research Manager, Emily Cretch, Deputy Service Manager and Mariantha Fomenky, Trainer, Centrepont

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14.10 – 15.10 Breakouts 5-8: **Future proofing and opportunities**

5.	<p>14.10 – 15.10 (Camden 1)</p> <p>Funding challenges and opportunities through DPS</p> <p>With DPS live across the Prison Service for over a year, this session will explore experiences of bidding for Prison Education DPS and what worked. You'll also hear insights from mobilising and delivering IAG contracts across seven prisons in the first year of the DPS and finally what can be learned for future DPS's across Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Barrett, Chief Operating Officer, Genius Within CIC (chair) • Gee Punia, Head of Employability and Skills, The Forward Trust
6.	<p>14.10 – 15.10 (Highgate 1)</p> <p>Social entrepreneurs are supporting people distant from the labour market</p> <p>Hear how social entrepreneurs are supporting people furthest from the labour market, including people who struggle with homelessness, disabled people, refugees and ex-offenders. This session will cover a number of case studies to help you understand the different business models used by UnLtd, as well as share some of their latest evidence on analysing the impact of such solutions using the cost-benefit analysis method. You will also hear about UnLtd's work with the Department for Work and Pensions, the 10 recommendations that were approved by the Secretary of State and are being implemented to create an environment where more social entrepreneurs can start and scale-up innovations to reduce the disability employment gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Brooks, Director, SETAS (chair) • Laura Kekuti, Senior Policy Officer, UnLtd
7.	<p>14.10 – 15.10 (Main Hall)</p> <p>The scale-up of IPS – what does it mean for you?</p> <p>Individual Placement and Support (IPS) has been around over 20 years. But since 2016, the NHS has committed to scaling it up dramatically. This session will explore how providers can participate in the scale-up of the model and discuss the future of IPS beyond mental health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Swersky, Director of health and employment at Social Finance (chair) • Julie Bailie, IPS Projects Manager, Centre for Mental Health • Jonathan Allan, Disabilities Service Manager, Enable (Shropshire Council) • Oli Jacobs, CEO, Twining Enterprise
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8.	<p>14.10 – 15.10 (Highgate 2)</p> <p>The future of professional practice and organisational capacity</p> <p>This session will address the development of frontline practitioners, identify the challenges facing them and follow the approval and implementation of the Level 4 Employability Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard this year. It will also look at how we take this learning, and develop it further, to support the needs of our sector professionals and the people they support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Parkin, Chief Executive, Institute of Employability Professionals (chair) • Dr Kylie Henderson, Founder and Managing Director, The Better Health Generation • Natalie Keating, CEO, The Better Health Generation

