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News

1 Break down the barriers for prisoners with learning needs

The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Robert Buckland QC MP, has shared his views on how tailored prisoner education can help to build back a better and safer country.

3 Responses to NFER research on apprenticeships

Reactions to the the report published by the NFER, which calls for urgent apprenticeship reform to improve prospects for disadvantaged people after the pandemic.

4 New Ofqual Chief Regulator

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has chosen Dr Jo Saxton as his preferred candidate to be the next Ofqual Chief Regulator.

Support for new FE teachers to develop

The DfE has announced £9.5m more for further education teaching staff to benefit from professional development opportunities.

5 Applications open for EDI leadership project funding

Applications are open for ETF funding for ten projects to support a pipeline of managers and leaders in FE that represent the diversity of learners in the sector.

Lords unemployment inquiry

The Youth Unemployment Select Committee of the House of Lords met and took evidence for its inquiry into youth unemployment and possible solutions.

6 Unions launch website to lobby for the removal of asbestos from colleges

A campaigning website, Clean Air Day 2021, will aim to put pressure on the Government to remove all asbestos from educational buildings.

Conferences

7 TVET at the Going Global conference

A complete return to pre-pandemic TVET policy and practice is unlikely, say the Association of Colleges, which had been released at the British Council's international education conference Going Global.

Research

8 NFER claim urgent reform of apprenticeships is necessary

A report from NFER finds that the apprenticeship system in England requires urgent action to ensure disadvantaged people don't miss out.

Policy papers

10 Policy papers published last week

Policy papers from government and parliament.

Delegated legislation

10 Statutory instruments issued last week

There were no education statutory instruments issued last week.

Consultations

11 Consultations published last week

There was one education consultation outcome published last week.

Parliament - Debates

12 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill

The second reading of the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill in the Lords attracted 53 speakers in the six hour debate.

18 People and post-pandemic employment

The former M&S boss Lord Rose of Monewden (Con) initiated a debate on post COVID employment and training.

Parliament - Questions

20 Answers to written questions

Answers to written parliamentary questions.

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