

## Connecting Futures: Supporting marginalised young people into good jobs

### AGENDA

1:30pm **Arrival and registration**

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**ROOM: Discover**

2:00pm **Welcome and introduction**  
**Sir Tony Hawkhead CBE**, Interim Chair, Youth Futures Foundation  
**Yemi Adeola**, Young Member of Youth Futures Foundation Grants and Evaluation Committee

2:10pm **Keynote: How good jobs are key to young people's position in society**  
**Alison McGovern MP**, Shadow Minister for Employment

2:25pm **Youth unemployment post-pandemic: what's the current situation and what are the challenges and opportunities?**

Chair: **Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE**, Non-Executive Director, Youth Futures Foundation

**Saeed Atcha MBE**, Chief Executive, Youth Leads UK

**Marcellus Baz BEM**, CEO of grantee Switch Up

**Adam Hawksbee**, Deputy Director and Head of Levelling Up, Onward

**Dina Potter**, Vice-President Social Impact, National Grid

**Peter Cheese**, CEO, CIPD

3:15pm **Break**

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3:30pm **Breakout session**

**Breakout 1 ROOM: Explore**  
**What are the challenges and opportunities of place-based approaches to youth unemployment and how might levelling-up policies and funds address these?**

**Sarah Smith**, Blackpool Director, Right to Succeed

**Gill Bainbridge**, CEO, Merseyside Youth Association

**Elizabeth Taylor**, Chief Executive, ERSA

**Anna Round**, Head of Research & Impact, Youth Futures Foundation

**Plamena Marinova**, Future Voices Group member – a young person's perspective

Facilitator: **Dan Jones**, Connected Futures Lead, Youth Futures Foundation



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(Breakouts continued)

#### Breakout 2 ROOM: Discover

**The growing crisis of poor mental health and the rise of youth unemployment and inactivity**

**Hannah Slaughter**, Senior Economist, Resolution Foundation

**Yvonne MacNamara**, Chief Executive Officer, The Traveller Movement

**Louise Chandler**, Future Voices Group member – a young person's perspective

**Cindy Boa**, Future Voices Group member – a young person's perspective

Facilitator: **Chris Goulden**, Director of Impact and Evidence, Youth Futures Foundation

#### Breakout 3 ROOM: Think

**Getting under the skin of the vacancies issue: why does it exist, what can we do about it and how can we prevent it happening in the future?**

**Susan Mackay**, Director of the Policy and Evaluation Unit, Public Affairs, IPSOS Mori

**Madeleine Thornton**, Project Manager, IPSOS Mori

**Annie Bocoock**, FVG member – a young person's perspective

**Nyasha Duri**, FVG member – a young person's perspective

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#### ROOM: Discover

4:30pm

**Feeding back and looking forward**

**Dan Jones**, Connected Futures lead, Youth Futures Foundation

**Lekan Ojumu**, Head of Grants

**Harriet McCann**, Interim Director of Engagement, Youth Futures Foundation

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#### ROOM: Atrium & Terrace

5:00pm

**Drinks reception**

6:30pm

**Close**

