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4 March 2026 - Hilton Canary Wharf, London

Conference Agenda

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08:45 - 09:15	Registration and networking with refreshments in exhibition
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome and scene setting - Stephen Isherwood ISE Introduction from Premium Sponsor - Patrick Philpott - Vision Path
09:30 - 10:15	Plenary 1: Phil Smith, Chair of Skills England
10:15 - 10:40	Networking with refreshments in exhibition
10:40 - 10:45	Introduction from our Premium Sponsor - Emma O'Dell - BPP
10:45 - 11:30	Plenary 2: From Intentions to Impact: Using UCAS' Data to Shape Tomorrow's Talent Pipeline. Shona Taylor and Pete Milsom - UCAS
11:35 - 12:20	Breakout 1: How British Airways improved candidate quality, while responsibly reducing application volumes by 60%. Simon Reichwald and Yasmin Howell - Connectr, Alex Norman and Mel Richardson - British Airways
11:35 - 12:20	Breakout 2: Supporting apprentices to thrive and not just survive. Is AI the secret weapon in your armoury? Mike Thompson - Gen Z Healthy Minds, Erica Farmer AI & Future Skills Specialist and Matt Nichols - Hewlett Packard
12:20 - 13:10	Networking with lunch in exhibition
13:10 - 13:20	Introduction from our sponsors - Christos Orthodoxou - Talent People and Jamie Betts - Neurosight
13:20 - 14:05	Plenary 3: ISE Solution Provider facilitated discussion session
14:10 - 14:55	Breakout 3: Stopping Self-Deselection: Rewiring Who Applies, Who Progresses and Who Joins. Ben Williams - Sten 10, Holly Hobbs and Tom Keighley - urfuture, Christopher Horton and Holly-Leigh Carr - West Midlands Police
14:10 - 14:55	Breakout 4: Birth Rates, Broken Pipelines and the Coming Talent Crunch: Why Apprenticeships Are Now Critical National Infrastructure. Jon Mallot - Springpod, Christopher Blackburn - Impellam Group and Mark Cox - Virgin Atlantic
14:55 - 15:15	Networking with refreshments in exhibition

15:15-16:00	Breakout 4: The Apprentice Reality Lab: A live student panel sharing what young people really want from Apprenticeships. Karen White and Jo Bishop - Springpod
15:15-16:00	Breakout 5: Apprenticeships 2026: The Attitude Shift Employers Can't Ignore. Dan Miller - Young Professionals
16:05- 16:50	Plenary 4: ISE Policy Panel - Navigating the layers of over-lapping change in apprenticeship policy. Nicky Hay - BPP, Simon Ashworth - AELP, Evie Matthews - CBI, Emily Rock - St Martin's Group. Chaired by Stephen Isherwood.
16:50-17:00	Reflections and Close



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