

## **Future workforce conference for Cumbrian employers**

Employers and partners involved in education and skills in Cumbria came together recently in a bid to help young people gain a clearer understanding of the opportunities open to them in the world of work.

A conference - 'Future Workforce #Generating Solutions' - took place at Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership's Redhills offices, Penrith.

Employers have recognised a need for greater co-ordination in work experience and careers education to ensure that young people are properly informed about, and have the opportunity to experience, the wide variety of career opportunities in the county.

Craig Ivison, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership's Head of Employability and Skills, explains: "Our ambition at the LEP is to ensure that Cumbria has a vibrant and thriving economy which benefits everyone.

"Cumbrian businesses, and those engaged in the education and skills sector, face increasing challenges to make sure that young people - our future workforce - are prepared and able to benefit from the great job and career opportunities available both here and more widely."

### **Participants included:**

- **Businesses**
- **Sector and business representative organisations.**
- **Enterprise advisors;**
- **Representatives from the Education and Skills sector;**
- **Local authorities;**
- **Third sector organisations involved in this area of work;**

The outcomes from the event are currently being collated and analysed and a report will be shared at the end of January.

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### **Presentations from the event can be accessed by clicking on each weblink here:**

- [Keynote Speaker Career & Enterprise Company](#) (Thomas Graham)
- [Workshop on Impact](#) (Career & Enterprise Company)
- [Workshop 'Out Of Chaos'](#) (Phil Bennett and the BECBC members)
- [BECBC leaflet: Business & schools collaboration](#)
- [Keynote Speaker 'A fresh approach to learning'](#) (Alison Wilkinson, QEstudio)
- [Keynote Speaker 'Technical and Vocational Education and Training curriculum reform'](#)