

Skills Foresight – Skills issues and challenges in the East of England

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EEDA offices, Victory House, Histon

Purpose: To disseminate and discuss findings from Insight East's Skills Foresight programme.

Background: Skills Foresight is the first foresight research programme from Insight East. The programme aims to provide expert insight and evidence to inform key future policy issues facing the East of England economy. We have asked some of the UK's leading academic and policy experts in their field to provide accessible insights into their work and expertise.

Programme:

- 9.30: Registration
- 10.00: Welcome & Introduction
Jamie Merrick, Executive Director of Strategy & Intelligence, EEDA
- 10.15: Skills Insight – structure, performance and prospects for the East of England labour market
Mark Deas, Insight East
- 10.30: The role of skills in the East of England's economic growth
Yuee Zhao, Cambridge Econometrics
- 10.45: Geography matters: Functional economic market areas, travel-to-work-areas, city-regions and local labour markets
Patrick Watt, Skills Development Scotland
- 11.00: Q&A with the speakers
- 11.20: *Break*
- 11.40: The challenges and dilemmas of public skills policy and investment
Ewart Keep, Centre for Skills, Knowledge and Organisational Performance, University of Cardiff
- 11.55: Investing in skills for local economic development
Alan McGregor, Training & Employment Research Unit, University of Glasgow & Andy Hirst, Cambridge Policy Consultants
- 12.10: Q&A with the speakers
- 12.30: Panel discussion
- 12.55: Closing remarks
Glenn Athey, Insight East
- 13.00: *Lunch & networking*