



Consulting the London voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector on the Mayor of London's Skills Strategy

A joint GLV and GLA event

Tuesday 28th November 12pm-5pm

Venue – Delancey Theatre, Ort House Conference Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NE

Background

The Mayor of London will be launching his formal consultation process for his Skills Strategy for London on 24th November. The consultation period is an opportunity for all key stakeholders, including the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) providers of employment and skills support in the capital, to feed into the drafting of the strategy. The draft strategy sets out the Mayor's vision for ensuring that Londoners and businesses get the skills they need to succeed in a fair, inclusive and thriving economy and the proposed priorities for achieving this vision.

Aim:

For GLV's Employment and Skills network members to feed into the drafting of the Mayor of London's Skills Strategy proposals, including the role of the VCSE sector in delivering them.

Objectives:

- Overview of the Mayor of London's draft Skills Strategy.
- Highlighting examples of good practice of VCSE sector provision of employment and skills support in the capital.
- Explore how VCSE providers can be commissioned to help meet the current and future skills demands for the London economy.

Who is it for?

This event is for all members of GLV's Employment and Skills Network members who deliver VCSE employment and skills support provision in London.

Outline of the day

Facilitator: Jonathan Slater, Employment and Skills Policy & Project Manager, Greater London Volunteering.

12:00 - Registration and networking lunch.

12:40 - Introduction to the day – Jonathan Slater.

12.45 - Key note speaker – Jules Pipe, Deputy London Mayor for Regeneration, Planning and Skills.

1:00 – Q&A panel discussion with Michelle Cuomo-Boorer, Senior Manager - Skills & Employment, GLA and Marilyn Hawkins, Deputy FE Commissioner at FE Commission, who sits on the Mayor's Skills for Londoners Taskforce, on the draft proposals in the Mayor of London's Skills Strategy.

1.30 – Breakout discussion on the following consultation questions for the Mayor of London's Skills Strategy:

Priority One: Empower all Londoners to access the skills to participate in society and progress in education and in work

- *Do the three objectives in the consultation document address the issues that make it difficult for some Londoners to access education and skills?*
- *Will the actions have an impact on the ability of Londoners to participate in society and progress in education and work?*
- *What are the most important actions and priorities that will improve engagement in learning?*

Priority 2: Meet the needs of London's economy and employers, now and in the future

- *Do the three objectives in the consultation document address the needs of employers and the economy?*
- *How as voluntary sector and SME providers can you help the productivity of the London economy?*
- *What are the most important actions and priorities that will address the skills and training needs of the economy?*

Objective 3: Deliver a strategic city-wide technical skills and adult education offer.

- *Do the three objectives in the consultation document address the challenge of improving London's skills and education system?*
- *Will the actions do enough to improve the city's skills offer?*
- *What are the most important actions and priorities that will improve how the city organises technical skills and adult education?*

3:00 – Refreshment break and networking.

3:30 - Feedback from participants and next steps.

4:30 – Thanks and evaluation.