



Get in Go Far with Apprenticeships

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Speakers Biographies

Fliss Miller

Head of Apprenticeships and UK College Partnerships at Nottingham Trent University

Fliss is the Head of Apprenticeships and UK College Partnerships at Nottingham Trent University, leading on development of Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and overseeing University's UK college partnerships. She is also responsible for NTU's apprenticeship levy.

Fliss, joined Nottingham Trent in 2005 and has held a variety of roles involving the management of key strategic projects for the University Executive Team including, the implementation and embedding of new initiatives to improve the student experience, developing NTU's online course portfolio and designing and launching NTU's employability award.

Fliss holds an MBA from Durham University and prior to joining the HE sector, spent time at a FE college and also worked for a number of multinational companies in graduate recruitment. Fliss through her varied experience understands the importance of attracting and developing talent within businesses and has led on many initiatives at NTU driving forward new products providing flexibility and choice. Fliss draws on her varied background to lead the design of NTU's apprenticeship portfolio.

Christine Schmidt

Chief Executive Officer - Institute for Incompany Education Research (Institut für Betriebliche Bildungsforschung IBBF) Berlin

Mrs. Christine Schmidt is the CEO of the IBBF and a project manager. She has several years of experience in international project management, especially apprenticeship research and



occupational orientation. She has been involved in national EU-projects with various partners, organising management training and multiplier training for sustainable development, climate literacy, cradle-to-cradle design and recycling.

Dr Erik Malchow

Project Manager - Institute for Incompany Education Research (Institut für Betriebliche Bildungsforschung IBBF) Berlin

Dr. Erik Malchow is a project manager and consultant for international projects focussing on vocational training and management. After his studies in cultural sciences in Poland and Germany, he specialized in intercultural communication for managers. Dr. Erik Malchow conducts various seminars at German and Polish universities as well as for international corporations.

Emily Arrowsmith

Researcher and Project Manager - The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum

Emily Arrowsmith is a Researcher and Project Manager at the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, a national, non-profit organization that promotes apprenticeship training. Over the past 11 years, Emily has led 50 national and regional apprenticeship projects, including return on training investment research about the costs and benefits of training. She has communicated the business case for apprenticeship training and shared employer champion best practices for workplace training at over 100 workshops and events. She has a Ph.D. from Carleton University.

Richard Kirkland

European Structural and Investment Fund Coordinator - D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership

Richard's primary role at D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership is to support the management and delivery of both the European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund programmes to ensure projects provide the maximum support to individuals, employers and communities across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Richard is also the skills and Apprenticeships lead for D2N2 LEP and started his career in education and training at Sheffield Careers Service before moving to North Nottinghamshire Training and Enterprise Council as Youth Programmes Manager responsible for the successful delivery of 16 – 18 training programmes including Apprenticeships



Prior to his role at the LEP Richard's previous roles include Regional Business Development Manager for the National Apprenticeship Service, working with large employers to develop bespoke Apprenticeship programmes and Head of Learning Supply for both Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Learning and Skills Councils, commissioning and managing learning and skills provision, including Apprenticeships, throughout the two counties.

David Hughes

Head of the Engineering Academy Uniper Technologies Ltd

Chair of the East Midlands Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (EMAAN)

David joined E.ON as a graduate engineer in August 1991, following an electrical apprenticeship with MANWEB and studying an Electrical and Electronic qualification at Bristol. In 2001, David was successful in obtaining an MBA from Nottingham Trent University and after a number of projects, engineering and management roles within the Central Networks Distribution business; he joined the Engineering Academy as Head of Professional Development.

In 2011, he was asked to lead the Academy to continue the work of providing engineering training and development to E.ON as well as supporting the training of the wider power sector. David is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology and Chairs the East Midlands Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (EMAAN). He is passionate about providing the right development pathways and progression routes to meet industry skills needs.

