

# Midlands – NFEC Spring 2014 Regional Seminar (Host: Stafford College)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014, 10.15 - 15.00 (Coffee at 10am)**

**Venue:** Stafford College, Palmbourne Industrial Park, Castle Street, Stafford, ST16 2TB

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## Programme

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| 1. Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar  | <b>John Morris, Head of Faculty of Technology, Kevin Whitehouse, NFEC Midlands Coordinator (Chair) and Bob Millington, NFEC Director</b>  | 10.15 |
| 2. <b>Important Standard Item:</b> Current matters of concern (not included on Agenda) – An opportunity for open discussion with a focus to discuss key issues and plans for addressing them. Items raised in other regions will also be shared                               | <b>All Delegates/Bob Millington</b>   | 10.20 |
| 3. <b>Apprenticeship Trailblazer Initiative</b> , following the Richard Review of Apprenticeships – feedback from two of these groups that NFEC has representation on – Automobile Manufacture and Aerospace.<br>These two will form the basis of further Trailblazer groups. | <b>Bob Millington /all delegates</b>  | 10.30 |
| <b>Coffee/Tea</b>   | <b>David Brain (TBC)</b>  | 10.50 |
| 4. Tour of Facilities (May not be possible so TBC)  |   | 11.00 |
| 5. <b>Awarding Bodies Qualifications</b> – Current developments and general issues.   | <b>Alan Abbot - (EAL), Bryony Leonard - (EDEXCEL), Andrew Hewison TBC ( C&amp;G), Glyn Evans/Barry Williams (IMI Awards), Tracey Harker (Logic Certification), Phillip Bryant (AQA)</b> | 11.45 |
| <b>Lunch &amp; Demonstrations by Exhibitors</b>   |   | 12.45 |
| 6. <b>Implications of reform of Level 3 Vocational Qualifications</b> on Engineering Programmes of training and Education – update on developments.   | <b>Awarding Body Representatives</b>  | 13.15 |
| 7. <b>Whitehead Review</b> of qualifications – implications for programmes of training and education in Engineering.  | <b>Awarding Body Representatives</b>  | 13.40 |
| 8. <b>Study Programmes</b> – Work Experience – to share strategies for sourcing “high quality” placement.   | <b>All delegates/Bob Millington</b>   | 14.10 |
| 9. Topics for next seminar  |   | 14.30 |
| 10. Date, time and venue – to confirm   |   | 14.40 |
| Seminar Closes  |   | 14.50 |

**Additional Information** Entry is **FREE**. A light buffet lunch will be provided and you will be able to see and discuss demonstrations of the latest available equipment and facilities for the delivery of learning in engineering.

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