

Closing the skills gap

A one-day conference

hosted by the **Alliance for Finance**
and the **Financial Services Skills Council**



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Programme

- 0915 Assemble and coffee
- 0945 **Opening remarks** – Gwyn Bates, Chair, *Alliance for Finance*
- 0950 **The importance of skills for UK plc** – Keynote address by Phil Hope MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills
- 1030 **Developing skills in the workplace – the role of the Skills Council** – Teresa Sayers, Chief Executive, *Financial Services Skills Council*
- 1115 Coffee
- 1145 **Skills gaps –the TUC view** – Frances O’Grady, Deputy General Secretary, *TUC*
- 1230 Lunch
- 1330 **The role of staff in tackling skills gaps – a collaborative approach** – Nationwide Group Staff Union and Stuart Bernau, Commercial & Communications Director, *Nationwide* – facilitated by Hal Austin, Editor, *Financial Adviser*.
- 1430 **Closing the skills gap – the view of the Association of British Insurers** – Stephen Sklaroff, Deputy Director General, *ABI*
- 1515 Tea
- 1545 **Skills shortages – the Friends Provident view**
Mike Hampton, Director of Business Resources, *Friends Provident*
- 1630 **Concluding remarks** from Digby Jacks, Secretary, *Alliance for Finance*
- 1700 Drinks reception

Sessions will be followed by questions and discussion.

Please note: it may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to alter the content or the timing of the programme.

In a knowledge-based and highly regulated industry like financial services, skills are central to business success. The trade unions have a vital role to play in working closely with employers to develop the skills and knowledge of the workforce at all levels, to the benefit of their members, the unions and the organisations concerned.

The **Alliance for Finance** is the lobby organisation for trade unions, staff associations and employee representative bodies in the finance sector. It seeks to influence decision-makers in government, the FSA and the financial services industry generally to ensure that the staff interest is properly taken into account.

The **Financial Services Skills Council (FSSC)** is an independent, employer-led organisation, established to provide strategic leadership for education, training and skills development across the entire UK financial services industry. It works with employers, training providers and government to increase productivity by ensuring that the industry has the range and level of skills it needs.

The two organisations have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out their commitment to exploring avenues of employee development that promote the retention of skills, create opportunities for upskilling and provide cost-effective solutions to external recruitment for employers.



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