

AELP CONFERENCE 2016 VOX POPS



HELEN McANALLY

Founder and Director of Executive Search and Senior Appointments, Parkhouse Bell

I think it will be a good thing. Britain will have to ensure that its skills are meeting the needs of employers.



VIRGINIE ROMAN

CEO, London Skills and Development Network

Whether or not the UK government will step in to put in the funding to replace the European Social Fund - which has already been severely delayed - is a concern.



ARIT EMINUE

Director, DiVA (Apprenticeships)

Employers' knee-jerk reaction has been to freeze recruitment, and a few of them have said there will be redundancies. If the levy payers are not hiring, they're being taxed for something they're not using. And then will there be as much confidence in the levy?



SUE REYNOLDS

Operations Director, Train 4 Talent

The new minister needs to be clear that the government understands the nervousness of employers about what's happening in the City. We need to have a really strong prime minister.



MARION MARSLAND

Chief Executive, TICA

It's crystal ball gazing. If we'd voted to stay in, I'd have given you the same answer: who knows?



BEEJ KACZMARCZYK

Non-Executive Director, Learning Curve Group

A lot of our apprentices are from Eastern Europe. We filled jobs in health and social care, and construction or warehousing with migrant labour. Where are we going to get that from? From our own kids? They don't want the jobs.



FRANK McMAHON

Managing Director, YH Training Services

The uncertainty about the levy is not going to help the matter. The government needs to make a decision pretty quickly otherwise they won't make the April deadline.



MARK DAWE

CEO, AELP

It looks like it will increase the need for training and apprenticeships. British industry will need home-grown talent.



CHRIS QUICKFALL

Managing Director, Equality Learning (EQL)

We work with lots of government funding. No one knows what's round the corner. If the government don't have a clue, it's almost impossible for us to begin to respond.



SALLY HUNT

Director general of the University and College Union

At the moment, we have more questions than answers about the impact of Brexit. We do know that EU funding supports many adult learners to improve their skills, so government must ensure that those opportunities will not be lost and prioritise investment in the full range of skills which help the UK to remain outward-looking and competitive.



MARTIN DOLE

Chief Executive, Association of Colleges

If you have got a big hole in the public finances why would you make it any bigger? Nick Boles is right to continue with the planned implementation of the levy.



ANDY WILSON

Principal of Westminster Kingsway College

On a professional level the referendum result is concerning because it introduces a new set of uncertainties at a time when the sector already has enough to cope with. On a personal level, I am disappointed because it represents an inward looking, reactionary body of opinion which undermines so much of what FE is about.