

*Teachers hold in their hands the success of our country and the wellbeing of its citizens; they are the key to helping every child in this country to realise their full potential.*

*Teachers are the most important fighters in the battle to make opportunity more equal.*

*Teachers are the critical guardians of the intellectual life of the nation.*

*Teachers give children the tools by which they can become authors of their own life story and builders of a better world.*

*It is teachers, not poets, who are the unacknowledged legislators of mankind.*

**Michael Gove, Education Secretary 2013**

In 2013 the Government announced big reforms to the way apprenticeships are to be designed and implemented in England. New standard-based apprenticeships will replace current frameworks in 2015 as part of the Government's employer driven Trailblazer Strategy.

A group of Education and Training employers working on behalf of the sector have been leading this redesign. In this once in a generation opportunity we are calling for the Education and Training sector and key stakeholders to get involved and to have their say on the essential knowledge, skills and behaviours that teachers should display on completion of their Education and Training Apprenticeship.

The Education and Training employer group urges you to view the 3 revised Education and Training Standard documents which accompanies this communication and carefully consider what you as an Education and Training employer or as a teacher would expect to see from your apprentices. Please:

- **Examine and reflect on the 3 revised Education and Training Apprenticeships Standard documents which outline the occupation profiles required by a person in a teaching role at 3 Levels.**
- **Then please complete the questionnaire below to express your thoughts on what the 3 Education and Training Apprenticeship Standards and include.**

**To complete the 3 surveys please follow the links below:**

- **Further Education Learning Coach Survey –**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9J69KKQ>
- **Further Education Qualified Teacher Survey –**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9DT2RBN>
- **Further Education Advanced Education Practitioner Survey -**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7PCFBMD>

Please note that the above surveys close at 5pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Your input is very much appreciated and will without doubt help shape the next generation of teachers.

Many thanks,

Jo North

(Chair of the Education and Training Trailblazer Leadership Group) on behalf of the Leadership Group Members.