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BUSINESS PEAK DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

PROGRAMME

16:00 – 16:25	Registration, Refreshments, Networking & Exhibition
MAIN ROOM	
16:25 – 16:30	Welcome & BPD update (BPD Chair)
PARALLEL SESSIONS	
MAIN ROOM	
16:30 – 16:45	“The devolution journey and the opportunities for the EMCCA region” Craig Moffatt, Head of Adult Learning Programmes at the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)
16:45 – 17:00	“The role of the Careers Hub and the practical support it can provide to businesses in the Peak District” Liam Jackson, Interim Lead at the Strategic Careers Hub at EMCCA
17:00 – 17:15	“UoDB’s vision for Further Education and the practical support it can provide to businesses in the Peak District” Dr Sarah Charles, Director of the Institute of Education & Skills, University of Derby
LEARNING SPACE	
16:30 – 16:45	"The challenges and opportunities of developing and attracting future hospitality stars in a rural location" Lindsay Rae, Deputy Director at Visit Peak District & Derbyshire
16:45 – 17:00	“AI implementation successes and how this can help your business” Lee Garnett, Peoplejelly Learning Consultancy
17:00 – 17:15	“Exploring identity, place and worker attraction and retention in rural business” Professor Carley Foster, Professor of Services Marketing, Head of the Centre for Business Improvement
MAIN ROOM	
17:20 – 17:35	“How the Derbyshire Accelerator is addressing the Peak District business community’s skills needs” Diane Beresford, Deputy CEO, East Midlands Chamber (Event sponsor)
17:35 – 17:40	COFFEE BREAK
17:40 – 18:15	Stakeholder Panel Discussion (led by PD) – CM/LJ/SC/JD/DB/LG/CF
18:15 – 18:20	Final word from BPD Chair
18:20 – 18:25	A few words from the event host (Eilis Scott, CEO, Cromford Mills)
18:25 – 19:00	Networking, refreshments & exhibition