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Speakers for the Meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Craft

Tuesday, 16th May 2023, 4.00–5.45pm, Room R, Portcullis House, and on Teams



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David Dowdles

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Currently Principal & CEO, Sadiq Public School, the largest private boarding school in continental Asia. Previously Principal, Building Crafts College, London (Worshipful Company of Carpenters); Director General, Ecole des Roches, France's oldest private boarding institution; Director General, Markham College, the largest British foundation school in membership of the Latin American Heads' Conference; Headmaster two HMC schools UK. Former member of – G20 group of Heads and IB Heads' Council; Working Group on 'Portable' Apprenticeships, Education and Skills Funding Agency, DfE; Craft Academy Working Group, Creative and Cultural Skills Council.



James Lane

James Lane is the sector manager for Digital, Creative and Design at the Education Charity and National Awarding Organisation, NCFE. The champion of the voice for the sector, he leads activities around sector representation to ensure that what NCFE produces serves the learners, employers, education providers and stakeholders effectively across the range of technical and vocational educational products.