

## 2024-Speaker List

### 4-4.20pm – Rob Evans – Buckinghamshire Business First

Rob works for Buckinghamshire Business First\*. Rob will raise awareness of the exciting possibilities of apprenticeships (including degree apprenticeships) and dispel some common misunderstandings. Rob will also be at the ASK stand all evening and is happy to offer further expert advice.

### 4.20-4.40pm – Max McGarvie – Zenopa

Max is a Central Services Exec. and Internal Recruiter for Zenopa\* a Global recruitment company based in Penn. Zenopa offers 10+ apprenticeships every year. Max recruits for Degree Level Apprenticeships (from Finance/Sales and Marketing) and also for summer work experience opportunities.

### 4.40-5pm – Sian Le Gallais – Fairhive

Sian has 18 years experience in the housing & construction industry and will speak about Fairhive\* as a not-for-profit social housing provider in the local and wider community, current opportunities within the company and her personal career journey.

### 5-5.20pm – Lisa Wyld – Buckinghamshire New University

Lisa is the head of Missenden Abbey International Hotel and Hospitality School. Lisa has worked extensively for international chains, independent businesses and at mega sporting & exclusive events. Lisa teaches subjects related to events and hospitality at Buckinghamshire New Uni\*. She especially enjoys mentoring those who need a little extra support and encouragement to reach their goals.

### 5.20-5.40pm – Lilia Frunzo – Align JV

Lilia is the Skills, Employment & Education Manager. Align JV \* work with key stakeholders, including local authorities, U&A beneficiaries and community/residents groups, to build relationships, trust and understanding of the HS2 project. As Align JV is heading towards the end of their journey, Lilia will speak about lessons learnt and Innovation within a High Performance Engineering Infrastructure Project.

### 5.40-6pm – Sarah Stevens – SYLO Beyond HR

SYLO Beyond HR, a local consultancy specialising in HR, is the proud **headline sponsor** of this year's Bucks Skills Show. Managing Director Sarah Stevens will share insights on the future of the workplace and how to effectively navigate change.

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### **6-6.20pm – Hannah James & Tracey Matthews – Buckinghamshire College Group**

Hannah is Vice Principal Curriculum & Quality. She joined Bucks College Group\* in 2023 and has worked in Further Education for over 20 years. She has extensive knowledge of post-16 education as a teacher, manager, and leader in the sector. Hannah is experienced in planning, designing, and delivering a high-quality and careers-focused curriculum; leading the creation of learning experiences that are inclusive, innovative and impactful. Tracey is Vice Principal Commercial and Partnerships. She joined Bucks College Group in 2023 and has worked in training and education for over 30 years; running her own independent training provider for 20 years and working in colleges for the last 14 years. Tracey spent her early career working for a diverse range of employers, from multinationals to business start-ups in engineering, international marketing and distribution, banking, and software development.

Their presentation will highlight some of the Full Time Courses, including T-Levels and Apprenticeships offered by Buckinghamshire College Group.

### **6.20-6.40pm – Suzy Ives, Peter Smyth & Omua Edeki – AtkinsRealis**

Omua is an Associate at AtkinsRealis, working on the Buckinghamshire Highways contract. She gained her master's in Environmental & Resource Engineering from the University of Nottingham. She is the current chair of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Birmingham, Solihull and Black Country Chapter. Peter is a Practice Manager at AtkinsRealis, having gained his Masters in Civil Engineering from the University of Birmingham. Suzy has worked for Balfour Beatty Living Places for 7 years and is now a Contract Director.

Between them these speakers will discuss the range of careers available in Buckinghamshire Highways (and the wider sector) and pathways to those. They will also cover some of the amazing, innovative and new digital tools being utilised.

### **6.40-7pm – Paul Skitt – Flannery**

Paul Skitt has worked for P. Flannery Plant Hire as Skills Director for over 6 years. Paul will give an overview of why construction is a great career choice!

### **7-7.20pm – Yasmin Chowdhary – CISCO**

Yasmin Chowdhary has been at Cisco for 6 years, spearheading the Cisco Apprenticeship Program since joining. She currently oversees the sales side of the apprenticeship program, whether this be technical sales or non-technical sales.

### **7.20-7.40pm – James Hakesley – CEO of CUBE**

James is Co-founder of CUBE a video production company and virtual production studio working with businesses, advertising, and film and TV.

### **7.40-8pm – Luisa Clarke – NHS**

Luisa works for Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust\*. She'll provide a quick introduction to the area's biggest employer and overview of the 350 careers available within the NHS.

\*These companies have signed up to the Gov.UK Disability Confident scheme

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