

## Panel Discussion: **New Skills for a New World**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**09:30-10:45**

We are delighted to bring together our panel of experts from diverse backgrounds and roles with experience of Work- Related Learning, in all its guises, both in the UK HE sector, and globally. Our panel participants have been asked to consider their responses to and thoughts around a range of questions under the following topic headers:

**The Impact of Covid**

**The University Sector**

**Working with employers**

**Working Globally**

**ASET Chair, Francesca Walker-Martin** will lead the discussion as Panel Chair. Delegates will be invited to join the conversation, and to pose questions to the panel.

### **Our Panel:**

**ASET Chair, Francesca Walker-Martin** invites:

**Deyrick Allen**, *Founder/Managing Director*, [www.iothorizon.com](http://www.iothorizon.com)



[Deyrick Allen](#)



I first met Deyrick 3 years ago, when he delivered a keynote at our inaugural Degree Apprenticeship conference at the University of Central Lancashire. Deyrick talked about technology and how it can improve and enhance both our lives and businesses. He demonstrated a scanner which he swept around the room to (a) show that it could read the labels on our clothes, and (b) to demonstrate how quickly products could be counted, so improving the speed at which companies could stock check. He then wowed the audience with his biometric ring, which he used instead of a credit card. Deyrick simply waved his hand over the point-of-sale handset to pay for goods. I remember thinking then that technology was moving at an incredible speed. The speed of change can be really quite daunting, but Deyrick's company, IOT Horizon, focusses on 'helping businesses to conquer Digital Transformation and thrive in the Digital World'.

I could think of no-one better to talk to us about the impact of COVID-19 and what has changed in the last 18 months.

**Co-opted ASET Trustee, Steve Osborne**, invites:

**Dr Margherita Bacigalupo**, *Research Fellow at Joint Research Centre (JRC)*

*- European Commission's Science Service*



[Margherita Bacigalupo](#)



In her role at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, Margherita leads the work on the European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp), published in 2016. For the past four years, she has been promoting its take-up. In collaboration with international researchers, she compiled examples of use through *EntreComp into Action* (2018) and *EntreComp at work* (2020). She has looked into its usefulness for informal learning through *the Entrepreneurial Employee in the Public and Private Sector* (2020). She has also co-authored the *EntreComp Playbook* (2020), to support educators to embed

entrepreneurial learning practices in their portfolio. Margherita is an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs.

**ASET Trustee, Seamus McConomy**, invites:

**David Casey**, Expert Advisor to Associate Professor for Student Affairs, *United Arab Emirates University*



[David Casey](#)



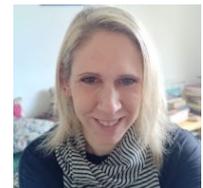
As we consider how to prepare students to take their place in this new world of learning and applied professional development **Seamus**, has invited **David Casey** to join the expert panel. David's experience of employability provision in higher education spans Ireland, South Africa and United Arab Emirates and which is combined with work in private sector business that has delivered digital courses, programmes and competency training globally. Practitioner colleagues in the ASET Community can benefit from David's perspective of having established transformative partnerships within higher education and corporate circles, making a unique contribution to the discussion panel at this year's "New Skills for a New World" conference.

**ASET Trustee Andy Dodge** Invites:

**Dr Jane Parry**, *Lecturer and Director of Research for HRM and Organisational Behaviour within Southampton Business School at the University of Southampton*



[Jane Parry](#)



Dr Jane Parry is a sociologist of work and employment; her research looks at how employment and careers are changing within different occupations, as well as how disadvantage operates within labour markets. Jane has been working in applied research for a wide range of funders and government departments for the past two decades, recently sitting on the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) working group on The Future of Work. She is currently leading the UKRI/ESRC-funded longitudinal project [Work After Lockdown](#).

**ASET Chair, Francesca Walker-Martin** invites: **Dr Karsten Zegwaard**

*Director of Work-Integrated Learning Research, The University of Waikato, New Zealand*



[Karsten Zegwaard](#)



I was introduced to Karsten through [WACE](#) where he is the Vice Chair (Oceania) of the International Research Committee and a Board Member, he is also the Editor of the *International Handbook for Work-Integrated Learning*. When searching for panel members, Karsten immediately stood out as a go-to person; his broad experience of research-informed best practice of Work Integrated Learning (WIL), and passion for enabling students simply shone through. I am delighted that he will be joining us in the early evening hours from his home in New Zealand.