

**STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019**

Post-16 Education Consultation

Members will be aware that the Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department has launched a green paper Consultation Vision for post-16 Education.

We want Islanders to have their say on a Government Vision for developing post-16 Education, to ensure that Jersey has the right skill-sets for the future.

It is hoped that this Strategic Vision for post-16 Education will give Islanders more opportunity to further their education, whether that is school leavers looking to study vocational or academic qualifications, Higher Education studies or people who want to enroll in courses to remain in work or change careers.

This strategic vision aims to respond to anticipated changes to the island's economy and society. With various technological developments, as well as a growing competition for business, investment and talent, Jersey will need to ensure that its post-16 education can equip Islanders with the right skills for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel for their Scrutiny report examining this area. It has helped us frame the green paper as well as being a useful submission to it.

This consultation, which closes on 21 June, proposes six key objectives:-

- Ensuring that Jersey has a highly skilled workforce that will maintain and boost its future economy
- Providing access to post-16 education for all – through widening participation, equality of opportunity and improving educational and employment outcomes
- Ensuring the quality and appropriateness of post-16 education provision
- Creating an international offer in Jersey for post-16 education at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- Encouraging appropriate research and innovation
- Ensuring appropriate governance and financial sustainability for post-16 education

A vibrant post-16 Education sector is vital for Jersey's future. We must ensure that young people – and those looking to return to education later in life – have the right skills to meet the changing demands of the labour market. It is important that all islanders, regardless of age or background, have the opportunity to progress in education and develop their skills. Not only will this strategic vision ensure that the island maintains a secure economy, but it will help us grow our own workforce to meet our future challenges.

It is therefore vital that we hear the voices of the various industries within the Island and we hope that they will engage in this process.

We want to ensure that Islanders are educated to the highest level possible. We have all the elements to design, develop and deliver a post-16 education that is fit for Jersey and its economy, as well as

being world leading in its approach. We have to look to the future and this strategy for the development of post-16 education forms part of our forward-looking plans.

We have arranged for round-table meetings in order to engage with the public so may I formally invite States Members to attend any of these. Also, the Skills Jersey Team is ready to assist States Members or Members of the Public in completing the consultation or providing further information.

For information:

There are public consultation round-table meetings on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28 May, 12pm to 1pm, Education Committee room (Highlands College)
- Monday 3 June, 10.30am to 11.30am, Bermuda House (Skills Jersey)
- Monday 10 June, 2pm to 3pm, Education Committee room (Highlands College)
- Thursday 6 June, 6pm to 7pm, Bermuda House (Skills Jersey)
- Wednesday 12 June, 6pm to 7pm, Bermuda House (Skills Jersey)