

# Topic: Should more young people choose Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) instead of going to University?

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The lecture will set out some potential policy and system options. In looking at these options, the lecture will identify the possible benefits and disadvantages of different models. It will provide the opportunity to reflect on whether a more radical and strategic approach could improve education and training and better support economic growth.

#### The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and debate the following:

- Is it a good idea to encourage all young people to go to university?
- · What does good TVET look like?
- · Should we seek parity of esteem between TVET and 'academic' routes?
- How can countries ensure that their young people are best prepared for the labour market?

#### About the Presenter

Ms Tracy Ferrier is an independent international consultant providing advice to governments and organisations on how to bring about effective and transformational change in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). Ms Ferrier has over 22 years of experience in skills development and professional education, including working in and with the public, private and charity sectors. As a former Global Head of Skills at the British Council, Ms. Ferrier led the Council's work globally in vocational education and employability skills. Ms Ferrier provided high level oversight of the design, management and delivery of large and important technical assistance projects in many countries, including Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, Morocco and Nepal. These projects involved working with governments, skills bodies and employers to improve the quality and relevance of vocational education and training. Prior to joining the British Council, Ms Ferrier was the Associate Director at the Mackinnon Partnership, a public policy and research consultancy specialising in the people side of economic development.



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