

Department for Work and Pensions

Meetings with external organisations including meetings with newspaper and other media proprietors, editors and senior executives¹

Period: 1 January to 31 March 2015

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions The Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP

Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
7 January	Maximus	To discuss contracts
19 January	Good People	To discuss employment
2 February	Autism Alliance	Follow up meeting
23 February	Maximus	To discuss contracts

Minister of State (Minister for Employment) The Rt Hon Esther McVey MP

Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
7 January	James Caan	To discuss Start up loans scheme
8 January	Brewers Fayre & Premier Inn Carlton Care House	To discuss Sector-based work academies scheme
12 January	Katie Edwards	To discuss Older workers
13 January	Shelley Gorys	To discuss Older workers
13 January	Remploy	To discuss the future of Remploy Employment Services
13 January	Older Workers Working Group Age UK Alliance Boots Anchor Care AXA-PP Barclays Business in the Community Carole Spiers Group Confederation of British Industry Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development DWF Ernst & Young Global Limited International Longevity Centre Institute of Directors Jobcentre Plus John Lewis Legal and General	Older Workers Discussion

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	Lloyds Banking Group Mercer McDonalds National Express Recruiter Magazine Recruitment Employers Confederation Steelite TUC Tesco Visa Europe	
19 January	Saga	To discuss Older Workers
19 January	Spiros Parissis	To discuss NEA
23 January	Christine Hodgson	To discuss new careers and enterprise company
26 January	Robin Bell	To discuss Older workers
26 January	British Hospitality Association	To discuss Work Experience
28 January	Birmingham Chambers of Commerce Solihull Chamber Amadeus BB Boutique Xceeda Group Solihull College TR Fleet AYS Logistics Construction Industry Training Board SERCO Amanda Tweed Jade Lynton	Employment roundtable
28 January	AYS logistics	To discuss Apprenticeships
28 January	PM Group	To discuss Employment projects
28 January	Harborne Day Care Centre	To discuss Women in Construction
9 February	ASDA BHF Morrison's Greggs Community Integrated Care - Certas Energy	Universal Credit roundtable
12 February	United Utilities	To discuss Apprenticeships
12 February	Bolton College	Discuss Youth Employment/work

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12 February	Silcoms Alliance Learning	To discuss Apprenticeships
23 February	McDonalds	To discuss Apprenticeships/Work experience
23 February	Tim Sawyer	To discuss Start up Loans scheme
23 February	Salvation Army	To discuss Community Work Placements
24 February	YMCA	To discuss Community Work Placements
3 March	Catch 22	To discuss employability training for young people and ex-offenders
4 March	Pimlico Plumbers	To discuss apprenticeship schemes
11 March	Helen Roberts Janet Cullen Amy Gray Chris Jones Eni Martins Cathy Sprent	Apprenticeship schemes National Apprenticeship Week
16 March	Card Geotechnics Limited	#notjustforboys campaign
17 March	Every Woman Forum startups.co.uk It Pro Portal Adi Gaskell Director MT Computer World Computer Weekly All About Group People Management IB magazine Business Reporter HR magazine	#notjustforboys campaign
17 March	Sue Ryder Care	To discuss Community Work Placements

**Minister of State (Minister for Pensions)
The Rt Hon Steve Webb MP**

Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
7 January	NEST Chair	Private Pensions
12 January	Pensions Action Group	FAS

	Members	
12 January	ABI	Private Pensions
13 January	FCA	Private Pensions
13 January	Aquilaheywood	Private Pensions
19 January	Friends Life	Private Pensions

Minister of State (Minister for Disabled People)

Mark Harper MP

Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
6 January	Channel 4	To discuss Paralympic Legacy
7 January	Scope	The work of the Disabilities Charity Commission
20 January	The Good Food App	To discuss how the app could help blind people.
20 January	British Council of Shopping Centres.	To discuss accessibility in Shopping Centres.
2 February	Macmillan	To discuss working with the department
4 February	BT	To discuss wellness in work
4 February	Alzheimers Society	To discuss working with the department.
10 February	Care Quality Commission	To discuss the departments work with Carers.
10 February	Fujitsu	To discuss the Disability Confident Campaign
12 February	Chartered Institute of Public Relations	Roundtable meeting on Disability Confident
25 February	Maximus	To discuss the Health and Disability assessment Service.
2 March	Burdus Ltd	To discuss Disability Confident
4 March	Carers UK	To discuss the departments work with Carer's.

**Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Welfare Reform)
Lord Freud**

Date of Meeting	Name of External Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
January	Ashford Borough Council West Kent Housing Association Affinity Sutton Moat Housing Association McDonalds Premier Foods Beechtree Total Care	Universal Credit
January	Newcastle City Council Your Homes Newcastle South Tyneside Homes VoiCeS Northumberland DAWN Advice PDSA Intu French Oven Westwood Care Homes Sitel Contact Centre Professional Greggs	Universal Credit
January	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council NPT Homes Carmarthenshire County Council Vinci Construction Contract Services THTF Global R2 Furniture Leadbitter	Universal Credit
February	New Savoy Partnership	Psychological well being and work pilots
February	Association of British Insurers and AXA	Mesothelioma
February	The Telegraph	Universal Credit
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February	Health Management LTD and Faculty of Occupational Medicine	Fit for Work
February	Citizens Advice Bureau	Universal Credit
February	Esher House Pty LTD	Employment programmes
February	Equity Union	Universal Credit
February	Kier Group Staffline Group plc Pretemps Road Haulage Association	

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	Aspects Care Direct Selling Association	
February	Daventry and District Housing Daventry District Council Badby Park Cummins	Universal Credit
February	Maximus	Fit for work
February	Oxford City Council A2dominion Westminster Home Care The Army Unipart Group Costa Coffee Poundland Burger King Marks and Spencer South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Councils Soha Housing	Universal Credit
March	James Bartholomew - Freelance journalist	Interview on Welfare reform
March	The Beach Hotel Chanel Training Main Event Berry's Coaches Premier Inn Somerset Skills and Learning EDF Taunton Deane Borough Council Yarlington Housing Association Knightstone Housing Association	Universal Credit
March	Blackpool Council	Housing
March	South Kesteven District Council Longhurst Group Thera Trust Marks and Spencer Ambitions Personal Agency Morrisons Travail Employment Group Reflect Recruitment West Lindsey District Council Lincolnshire Advice Network Longhurst and Havelok Homes City of Lincoln Council North Kesteven District Council HMP North Sea Camp	Universal Credit

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March	Shelter	Housing reform
March	Local Government Association	Universal Credit , Universal Support and Housing
March	EEF the Manufacturers organisation	Health and safety and fit for work policy
March	National Housing Association	Universal credit and housing
March	Payments Council	Payment systems
March	Islington Borough Council Citizens Advice Bureau Spirit Hospitality Group G4S Earl and Grey Accountants Gateway Housing Association Thai Express Asda	Universal Support and Universal Credit

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