Global Food & Drink Skills

Are Skills Academies the answer?

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Skills Equal Global Competitive Advantage

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Why we have invested in Skills Academies

- **Food & Drink is the largest manufacturing sector in the UK**
- It has the largest domestic supply chain
- Its GVA and productivity is amongst the highest in the world
- It works to stringent quality and compliance standards
- It is dependent on imports for its raw/finished materials
- **It is dependent on its global supply chain**
- It is dependent on the skills of its suppliers and customers
- The majority of its suppliers are small to medium companies
- How do we ensure this long chain of suppliers has access to the skills needed to supply us with quality product
- How do we help them achieve a WIN –WIN situation
- **Help our suppliers to grow our market**

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What can Skills Academies achieve?

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That others cannot?

- **They are owned by employers and work to their needs**
- They are demand led not supply driven or work to a Govt policy or agenda
- They can deliver where the skills are needed at point of use
- They change the way providers think and deliver
- UK F&D sector skills moving to accumulative units – not Quals
- **Look at India** and how they are meeting the needs of :
- 500 m people to be trained (to level 2) - Quality & Standards
- 50m trainers to be trained
- Train the urban and rural poor & the huge unorganised sector
- By getting as close to point of use as possible
- Sector skills delivered by sector based skills academies
- **A global sector solution to a global sectoral problem**

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