Recovering from the Pandemic
A workshop on The Future for Employment and Skills

Wednesday 27th October 2021 | 10:30 – 13:30 BST

As we chart our way out of the current crisis what are the lessons of history? How can we build a fairer and stronger economy better able to withstand future shocks, not least from climate change? How can we overcome labour shortages and ensure that everyone has the chance to gain the skills we need? How can we help those hardest hit by the pandemic: women, the low paid and unskilled? We hear from the General Secretary of the UK’s largest Trade Union, from a leading historian, from an expert on Labour Law, from a leading Employer representative, from the TUC and from the Labour Party shadow minister for FE and skills. The workshop is organised by the History and Policy Trade Union and Employment Forum, a group of senior trades unionists and academics, and is sponsored by History & Policy at the Institute for Historical Research.

10.30 Introduction
Chair: Professor Philip Murphy (Director of History & Policy, Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study)

SESSION 1
10:40 Christina McAnea (General Secretary of Unison)
11:00 David Edgerton (Professor of Modern British History, Kings College London)
11:20 Toby Perkins (Shadow Minister for Further Education and Skills)

Questions to the speakers and discussion
11:40 – 12:00
Chair: Sarah Veale (CBE, former Head of Equality and Employment Rights at the TUC)

SESSION 2
12:00 Vicky Philips (Head of Employment Rights, Thompsons Solicitors)
12:20 Janet Williamson (Senior Policy Officer, Economic and Social Affairs Dept, TUC)
12:40 Neil Carberry (Chief Executive, Recruitment and Employment Confederation)

Questions to the speakers and discussion
13:00 – 13:30

Workshop summary & close
13:30