

Keith Marshall OBE, Chairman Trade Supplier Trailblazer Group



With an honours degree in Electrical Engineering from Imperial College, London, and a career that's taken him into the most senior roles in education and training, Keith was the ideal choice to lead the development of the new Trade Supplier Apprenticeship, and joined the Group in October 2016.

After a spell as an Electrical Engineering Officer in the Royal Navy, specialising in submarines, Keith joined the team that set up the Training Standards Council (TSC).

The TSC's remit was to inspect the quality of work-based training providers (excluding the network of Further Education (FE) colleges). As a Senior Inspector, Keith scheduled and led inspections.

When the TSC joined with the Further Education inspectorate to form the Adult Learning Inspectorate (ALI), widening its remit to cover all work-based training, Keith became Director of Inspection with responsibility for Planning.

On leaving the ALI Keith was appointed CEO of SummitSkills, the Sector Skills Council for building services engineering covering electrotechnical, heating and ventilation, plumbing, refrigeration and air-conditioning. He set up the organisation and ran it for 10 years before leaving in September 2013.

Keith now works as an independent consultant with an expertise in developing Trailblazer Apprenticeship Standards. With a number of key achievements including:

- the management of the Level 3 Electrotechnical Apprenticeship Standard Trailblazer project on behalf of The Institution of Engineering & Technology (IET);
- supporting the development of Trailblazer Apprenticeship Standards in the building services engineering sector including Industrial and Commercial; Service and Facilities; Ductwork and Building Services Engineering Technician.

Keith is a Fellow of the IET and was awarded an OBE in the 2008 Queen's Birthday Honours for services to vocational training. In 2013 he was awarded Fellowship of the City & Guilds of London Institute

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