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### **“Developing and Delivering TVET through the private sector” Skills Seminar**

In February 2020 the British Council together with the Association of Employment and Learning Providers hosted a three-day policy dialogue in Manchester entitled “Developing and Delivering TVET through the private sector”. This event brought together over 30 senior policy makers from around the world to showcase the UK’s approach to independent training provision and share common challenges and insights in this space. The event introduced delegates to the main components of the UK vocational education and training system and explored such key issues as employer engagement, quality assurance, apprenticeships and inclusion.

The programme was designed to link skills policy and practice and included visits to Code Nation, Siemens and Trafford College as well as contributions from a range of independent training providers including Develop and Twin Training. The delegates also had the opportunity to hear from some of the UK leading experts in the skills sector, including from representatives of the Association of Employment and Learning Providers, Ofsted and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

The event is one of the series of policy dialogues and study tours for international delegates organised by the British Council every year. Designed to promote understanding of innovative approaches to technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and raise awareness of the global TVET picture, they have proven a great catalyst for UK-overseas collaboration and kick-started a number of excellent initiatives both at home and abroad.

Mr Arafat Atmoun, Secretary-General of Professional Training, Ministry of Vocational Training, commented:

*“The Moroccan delegation has developed a great deal of knowledge of new practices of independent trainer providers in the UK that will contribute to the enhancement of the public–private partnerships in the development and delivery of VET in Morocco”*

Association of Employment and Learning Providers chief executive Mark Dawe said:

*“The UK system for government funded skills provision relies heavily on high quality independent training providers to engage with employers across the country and provide learning opportunities to local communities where the reach of other education institutions isn’t available. Their effectiveness is clearly of great interest to a wide range of international audiences which is evident from the success of the visit to Manchester. AELP believes that there is scope for more inward and outward study trips and we look forward to working with British Council on future projects.”*

More information can be found at [www.britishcouncil.org/education/skills-employability](http://www.britishcouncil.org/education/skills-employability)

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