

## Pen Pictures of Guest Speakers – AHT Learning & Development Forum 2024



**Diane Hey CEO Armonia Health & Wellbeing**

**OFSTED EXPERIENCE**

With more than 35 years' experience in spa, beauty, and wellbeing Diane Hey is known as a 'go to' industry expert, as a therapist, educationalist, employer, judge, author, consultant and technical advisor.

Diane has a keen eye for detail and is committed to raising standards for those entering and progressing in the Sector via regulated educational pathways.

Following Armonia's Training Academy recent Ofsted inspection (June 2023) Diane will share best practice, tips and how to provide robust evidence that fits the curriculum. As an independent learning provider Armonia delivers apprenticeship sfor the hotel, spa resort and salon beauty and well-being sector in prestigious settings which instils a sense of pride in the learner.



**Rosie Saavedra - Undergraduate Programmes Manager at Dermalogica UK, Professional Skin Therapist.**

Rosie leads the Aspirational college programme that supports future Professional Skin Therapists in preparing for industry and elevating career prospects. With over 13 years industry experience, working with leading brands both nationally and internationally, Rosie has a strong understanding of the skills needed to ensure successful and prosperous careers for therapists.



**Claire Pye – VTCT**

Claire has been working in the Hair and Beauty sector since the age of 16, when she left school and completed an Advanced Apprenticeship in Level 3 Hair in her local salon.

In 2020, she was successful in securing the post of College Head of Transitions, Hair, Beauty and Employability, a role that gave her exposure to a wide range of curriculum areas and assessment processes. She led a nationally recognised ‘transition model’ and has worked on various T Level pathways.

Claire joined ITEC/VTCT as a Partnership Planning Manager in November 2021. Claire supports centres assisting with any aspect of curriculum implementation. In November 2022 she was appointed Head of UK Sales for the North, a region which includes centres in the North West/North East/Midlands and also Northern Ireland/Scotland/Wales.



**Mark Child – VTCT**

Mark has been working in awarding and qualification writing, development and quality assurance for over 30 years. He has a specialist interest in supporting people who have fallen out of education supporting them back into learning and employment. His current role is Head of Stakeholder and Customer Engagement responsible for developing strategic partnerships with Government departments and regulatory bodies. He is also a Worldskills judge for Health and Social Care.



**Nicola Steinback – VTCT**

Business Development Manager – Hair.

Working nationally as part of the UK Sales team, contributing to the delivery of a strategic business development plan to drive growth of VTCT within the Hairdressing sector.

Nicola's key responsibilities include identifying new business opportunities nationally, across providers and employers, whose values and commitment to quality training and education align with VTCT values and vision.



**Runa McNamara B.A. Hons – QUALIFI**

**Director for Awarding Organisation Qualifi curriculum Hair, Beauty Wellness and Aesthetics.**

Runa has worked in five Further Education Colleges and progressed from Lecturing responsibility through to Curriculum Management, Senior and Directorate management. Runa led the National development of qualifications in Beauty Therapy for Scotland, Botswana and India and was also an HMI Associate Assessor for Scotland's hairdressing, beauty and complementary therapies quality and curriculum.



**Diane Mitchell – City & Guilds**

**Lead Independent End-Point Assessor - Hairdressing & Barbering.**

Areas of expertise: Apprenticeships.

Diane has extensive experience within the hairdressing and barbering industry, working in various roles across the industry for the last 45 years.

Diane is currently the Lead Independent End-point Assessor for:

- L2 Hair Professional Hairdressing
- L2 Hair Professional Barbering
- Advanced & Creative Hair Professional



**Anita Crosland – City & Guilds**

**Post 16 Senior Manager**

Areas of expertise: Technical Education Landscape, T Levels, Funding, Education and skills Policy, FE curriculum.

Anita's role is to support the strategic direction that City & Guilds undertakes in order to respond to policy intent of reforms and the post 16 landscape. This includes the requirement to identify, digest and interpret all policy and guidance emerging from the post 16 Skills and Education Act. This supports development and delivery of post 16 Technical Education in schools, colleges, UTCs and PTP. Anita works closely with the DfE, IfATE, Ofqual and other key stakeholders within the education sector.



**Joan Scott – HABIA (Hair and Beauty Industry Authority)**

Joan is a Beauty and Spa technical expert, a skills consultant and award-winning educationalist. Her last senior leadership role in the Further Education sector was Assistant Principal at the Trafford College Group (TCG), leading strategically on apprenticeships and adult learning.

As CEO and Chair of HABIA , Joan leads the team to develop National Occupational Standards (NOS) , apprenticeships, endorsing high quality training and promoting education, excellence, and professionalism.



**Laura Elliott - HEAD OF EDUCATION - LANCASHIRE**

Laura joined Salon Promotions in 2017 with over 20 years' experience in both commercial salons and as an educator. Laura helped create Neäl & Wølf Colour, Ultimate 9, Glaze and Colour Re Boost.

Laura has developed an education team across the North of England and has written the education structure for the Salon Promotions training academy, which includes courses such as the Balayage Masters and The Neal & Wolf Colour Masters



**Andrew Barton:**

Renowned as hairdressing royalty Andrew Barton is an acclaimed salon owner, educator and an award-winning hairdresser.

His expertise and passion for the craft has earned him numerous accolades, including British Hairdresser of the Year and an Honorary Doctorate of Arts for services to the hairdressing industry.

Beyond the salon, Andrew is a dedicated supporter of training through further education and the work conducted by college lecturers through his ABLE training programme.

Andrew is passionate about sharing his love of hairdressing and training others, in their pursuit of excellence.



**Amanda Bedwell - Aesthetics practitioner**

Standards and Qualification Project Manager for HABIA, Educator and Advanced Beauty Aesthetic Practitioner and Holistic Therapist.

Amanda has worked in various areas of the beauty industry from Salon's, 5\*star hotels, Spa's, the Galaxy Cruise ship and retail in Department Stores. Thus, becoming a trainer/educator specialising in the delivery of Level 4 Advanced Aesthetic Beauty Treatments.