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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK), the Learning and Skills Network (LSN), the 157 Group and Apprenticeships, I would like to welcome you to the 3rd Annual Guardian Further Education Leadership Summit.

In these changing times, a high quality and responsive further education sector is essential if we are to realise our ambitions of strengthening UK economic performance and transforming the life chances of millions of people.

Further education has a unique responsibility in operating across society, having a real impact on businesses, young people and adults, including those from disadvantaged and minority communities.

With public investment in further education having increased substantially over the past ten years and the government working to create a responsive further education system with a focus on skills, employability and social mobility we need to see investment in skills by employers and individuals far outstripping public investment.

This summit will give local authorities the chance to meet the further education sector that they will now be responsible for funding and for further education institutions to meet with peers to discuss how the changes will affect them.

Pose your questions directly to:

- **David Willetts MP**, Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills
- **Simon Waugh**, Chief Executive, National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)
- **Asha Khemka OBE**, Principal and Chief Executive, West Nottinghamshire College; 157 Group Member
- **John McNamara**, Chief Executive, Alliance of Sector Skills Councils (ASSC)
- **Professor Sa'ad Medhat**, Founder and Chief Executive, New Engineering Foundation (NEF)
- **Stella Mbubaegbu CBE**, Principal and Chief Executive, Highbury College; 157 Group Member

I hope you enjoy the summit.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Kingston
Further Education Editor, The Guardian

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General information

Assistance
If you have any queries during the summit, please visit the registration which is located outside the Kings Suite on the third floor.

Exhibition
We do hope you will find time to visit the exhibition stands located in the Balmoral Suite on the third floor, during each refreshment break. For further details please refer to the exhibition plan and profiles on pages 10 - 12.

Messages
A message board will be located at the registration desk on the third floor. If you are expecting any messages during the summit, this is where you will find them. The direct telephone number for the summit is 07710 945 868.

Cloakroom
The cloakroom is located in the Kings Suite Foyer on the third floor. It will remain open until 17:00. Luggage can be stored in the cloakroom but summit bags will not be accepted. The cloakroom is free of charge.

Downloading Speaker Papers/Podcasts
All speaker papers and podcasts will be available from 12 noon tomorrow to download free of charge at www.policyreview.tv. Please find your access code on the back page of this guide. These will be available to download for up to two weeks after the summit.

Policy Review TV will also be web streaming today's Further Education Leadership Summit live on www.policyreview.tv

Badges
For security reasons, please wear your badge at all times.

Refreshments
All refreshments including a hot fork buffet lunch will be served in the Balmoral Suite on the third floor.

Evaluation Forms
Please complete the evaluation form enclosed within your delegate guide and hand it to a member of staff with your badge upon departure. Your comments are greatly valued and appreciated.

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Seminars
Seminars will be taking place in Session Four. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to a key issue seminar. Seminar sign up sheets can be found in the Balmoral Suite on the third floor.

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Agenda

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09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

Session One:
Setting the Scene

09:55 Introduction and welcome by chair
John O'Leary
Editor, Policy Review Magazine

10:00 Welcome address
Peter Kingston
Further Education Editor, The Guardian

10:10 Local leadership challenges
Graham Moore OBE
Principal and Chief Executive,
Stoke on Trent College; Chair, 157 Group

10:25 How does further education need to change to emerge stronger from the recession?
John Stone
Chief Executive,
Learning and Skills Network (LSN)

10:40 Never mind the leaders - what about the managers?
Dr David Collins CBE
President, Association of Colleges (AoC);
Principal, South Cheshire College

10:55 **Keynote address**
Speaker to be confirmed

11:15 Questions and discussion

11:30 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Two:
Winning Confidence of Employers

12:00 Delivering apprenticeships
Simon Waugh
Chief Executive,
National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)

12:15 Sector skills recovery – the role of SSCs in rebuilding from recession
John McNamara
Chief Executive,
Alliance of Sector Skills Councils (ASSC)

12:30 Winning the confidence of the public
Asha Khemka OBE
Principal and Chief Executive,
West Nottinghamshire College;
157 Group Member

12:45 Questions and discussion

13:00 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

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Session Three:
Continuity and Change

14:00 **Keynote address**
David Willetts MP
Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills

14:15 Adult education funding
Sally Dicketts
Principal and Chief Executive,
Oxford and Cherwell Valley College (OCVC)

14:30 Local authority commissioning
Nick Duggan
14-19 Partnership Manager,
Children and Young People's Directorate,
Sheffield City Council

14:45 Economic climate - opportunities and challenges for workforce development
Alan Clarke
Catalyst Sector Engagement Manager,
Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK)

15:00 Questions and discussion

15:15 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Four:
Key Issue Seminars

15:45 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list of four below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

1 Knowledge exchange and innovation: the future of business-college partnerships
Professor Sa'ad Medhat
Founder and Chief Executive,
New Engineering Foundation (NEF)
Hilton Meeting Rooms **1 and 2**

2 Working with Job Centre Plus
Pat Bacon
Principal, St Helens College;
157 Group Member
Hilton Meeting Rooms **3 and 4**

3 Employability and the retraining challenge
Stella Mbubaegbu CBE
Principal and Chief Executive,
Highbury College; 157 Group Member
Hilton Meeting Rooms **5 and 6**

4 Diplomas and Apprenticeships - opening routes for young people
Rod Kenyon OBE
Director,
Apprenticeship Ambassadors Network
Sandringham Suite

16:45 Close of summit

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Speaker biographies

(appears alphabetically by surname)

Pat Bacon

Principal, St Helens College; 157 Group Member

Pat Bacon has been Principal at St Helens College for over seven years with over 30 years experience in further education. A member of the 157 Group and the Mixed Economy Group, St Helens College is a large urban institution with a broad further and higher education portfolio.

Recently elected, Pat is the President Elect for the Association of Colleges and is due to take over the role this summer. Pat is an AoC Board member, a member of the AoC National Skills Group and has chaired the AoC North West Region for nearly five years.

St Helens is an area of significant social and economic deprivation but has made progress in restructuring the employment landscape, reducing unemployment and tackling worklessness. The College is a key partner in economic regeneration.

Alan Clarke

Catalyst Sector Engagement Manager, Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK)

Prior to joining the Catalyst team, Alan was the LLUK National Manager for Northern Ireland and subsequently Director for Northern Ireland. Alan's career has included 20 years working within the further education sector, ten of which were as Chief Executive of the Wholesale and Retail Training Council in Northern Ireland. He is a former Chairman of the Northern Ireland branch of CIPD and he was also involved in chairing the National Training Awards judging panel.

Alan currently manages the sector engagement team for LLUK's Catalyst programme. The team acts as a vehicle to ensure an effective partnership approach to the delivery of Catalyst. It plays a key role in ensuring that LLUK consults with and obtains support from key stakeholders in the sector and is able to help employers fully realise the outcomes and benefits of the Catalyst programme.

Dr David Collins CBE

President, Association of Colleges (AoC); Principal, South Cheshire College

David Collins CBE is currently Principal and Chief Executive of South Cheshire College and President of the Association of Colleges. After graduating from the University of Edinburgh with a MA in Economics and Economic History and a PhD in Educational Studies he worked in a number of educational institutions including being the Vice Principal of Sandwell College where he developed the ISO 9000 quality assurance standard for further education. He has also undertaken supportive work in several colleges which have had financial or other difficulties.

David's main academic interests are strategic planning, resource utilisation and the improvement of quality, on which he has presented papers and seminars in America, Australasia, Asia, the Middle East and South Africa as well as the UK. He is a Visiting Professorial Fellow at Lancaster University and was made a CBE in the Queen's birthday honours in 2005. He is also the author of *"A Survival Guide for College Managers and Leaders"* (2006) and *"The Role of the Principal"* (2008). In 2008 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from the University of Chester for his work in further education management.

Sally Dicketts

Principal and Chief Executive, Oxford and Cherwell Valley College (OCVC)

Sally Dicketts started teaching in Newport, South Wales in 1977. She became Head of Department at a school in Islington in 1979 and moved to Hackney College in 1984. In 1988 she joined the senior management team at Milton Keynes College. In September 1996 she became Principal and Chief Executive and in October 2003 she moved to become the first Principal of Oxford and Cherwell Valley College. This college was formed from the merger of Oxford College of Further Education, North Oxfordshire College and Rycotewood College.

Sally is a member of the City & Guilds Learning and Assessment Policy Committee. She is a board member of ACM and AoC. She chairs the Communications Gateway Practitioners Panel and the Women's Leadership Network, is a member of the Oxfordshire Management Club, All Souls Group and is a leading thinker for the National Education Trust. She sits on the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership, Oxford & Cherwell Strategic Partnerships and 14-19 Strategic Partnership.

Nick Duggan

14-19 Partnership Manager, Children and Young People's Directorate, Sheffield City Council

Nick's current role is 14-19 Partnership Manager for Children and Young People's Directorate in Sheffield, which involves the co-ordination of a wide range of learning activities involving the local LSC, colleges, 27 secondary schools and 30 other learning providers.

The authority has used a 14-19 pathfinder, Area Wide funding and European money to establish strong links between the 14-19 education system and the economic growth clusters. Nick has devised a single framework to cover work at entry through to level two.

Prior to this appointment Nick was the School Liaison Manager at The Sheffield College, where he was responsible for co-ordinating the information side of promoting the college to students, parents and staff. A more dynamic side of that job was linking young people to direct experience of the college through vocational tasters and qualifications. The college has substantially increased its work with disaffected youngsters and this work was also managed by Nick.

Nick previously taught in a comprehensive school for ten years and organised the Foundation programme (CPVE and GCSE) in a medium size tertiary college where he also became TVELE Co-ordinator.

Six medium sized colleges merged to form The Sheffield College, the biggest in Europe and Nick originally co-ordinated "A" levels in half of the city before taking on his current role.

Rod Kenyon OBE

Director, Apprenticeship Ambassadors Network

Rod is Special Adviser to British Gas and Centrica plc on skills, education and learning. He is responsible to the Chairman of Compass Group plc (Sir Roy Gardner) as Director of the Apprenticeship Ambassadors Network and Sir Alan Jones, Chairman Emeritus of Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd for work with the Diploma Employers Champions Network.

Rod's career has been spent at the Electricity Supply Industry, British Gas and Centrica Group. He is former

Human Resources Director of British Gas and Centrica plc. Rod established and became Director of the British Gas Engineering Academy.

Rods previous positions include: Former Chair, London Regional Board, Learning and Skills Council; Deputy Chairman, Thames Valley University; Vice-Chairman, Energy and Utility Skills, Sector Skills Council; member of Board of Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA); and member of the Board of Dyslexia Action.

Asha Khemka OBE

Principal and Chief Executive, West Nottinghamshire College; 157 Group Member

Asha took up her post as Principal and Chief Executive of West Nottinghamshire College in May 2006. It is one of the largest colleges in the country with 25,000 students and an annual budget of over £50 million. Under Asha`s leadership, the College went through a full Ofsted inspection in May 2008 with an `outstanding` grade profile across the board, leading to Beacon Status recognition.

In July 2007, Asha was awarded the National Jewel Award for Excellence in Healthcare and Education and in May 2008, she was honoured with the Asian Women of Achievement Award. Asha was appointed an OBE in recognition for her contribution to Further Education in January 2009.

Asha is a board member of several national organisations, including the Association of Colleges (AoC), the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS), the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), EM Regional Council and is a Council Member of City & Guilds and a Trustee of the Helena Kennedy Foundation Trust.

John McNamara

Chief Executive, Alliance of Sector Skills Councils (ASSC)

John McNamara joined the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils in January 2009. John was the Chairman of the Federation of Awarding Bodies (FAB), the trade association for vocational awarding bodies, and also sits on the UK Vocational Qualifications Reform Board formed by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS).

John has over 20 years of strategic management expertise gained within the financial services sector and holds graduate and post graduate qualifications from the University of Wales, the University of Aston in Birmingham and Ashridge Management College.

Before joining the Alliance, John was Chief Executive of the British Institute of Innkeeping (BII), the professional member's organisation for licensed retailers, and the BIIAB, its wholly owned awarding body for licensed retail qualifications. Taking up his post in 2002, John's remit was to achieve a growing membership base, to offer unbeatable membership benefits and to continue the rapid growth in vocational qualifications throughout the sector. In his role John was a member of the Department for Culture, Media & Sport Industry Advisory Group for Licensing Law and worked closely with other industry groups on a number of projects including the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy, and several projects with the Home Office including the Best Bar None initiative.

As Chief Executive, McNamara will seek to establish the Alliance as the voice of the UK Sector Skills Councils, promoting the vital role SSCs play across all four nations of the UK. McNamara joins the Alliance with a full inbox of skills issues. Paramount is the economic recession and the impact this is having on employers and their people. Sector Skills Councils (SSCs) have a vital role to play in helping to equip the UK workforce with new skills and competencies to ensure that we are well placed for a strong and sustainable recovery. The relicensing of SSCs and the Qualification Reform programme are also key areas of development during 2009.

McNamara says: "My first job is to make sure that the Alliance represents its members effectively with government and its agencies and the whole range of stakeholders who are involved in the UK skills system. Our membership has access to the nation's employers and, consequently, has unrivalled knowledge of what skills are needed now and in the future. 2009 will be a difficult year for companies. Skills are at the heart of solving the UK's problems and the Alliance's membership has many of the solutions."

Stella Mbubaegbu CBE

Principal and Chief Executive, Highbury College; 157 Group Member

Stella Mbubaegbu is the Principal and Chief Executive of Highbury College, Portsmouth, a large coastal college serving the local communities of Portsmouth and beyond and offering an exciting range of applied academic and vocational programmes from entry level to higher education.

In her own words Stella is passionate about 'all things excellent and true'. Since taking up post in October 2001, Stella has led the College's journey to excellence including improvements to student success rates judged 'outstanding' in the Framework for Excellence and a multi million pound total transformation of the College's estate across five centres. The last Ofsted inspection rated the College's outstanding approach to educational and social inclusion as a key strength.

Stella has worked in education for thirty years. She is a qualified Teacher and holds a MEd with Distinction from the University of Sheffield. In 2008 she was awarded a CBE for services to further education.

Professor Sa'ad Medhat

Founder and Chief Executive, New Engineering Foundation (NEF)

Professor Sa'ad Medhat is the founding Chief Executive of the New Engineering Foundation (NEF), an educational grant awarding charity and think-tank that supports the development of Vocational Education and Knowledge and Technology Transfer in Science, Engineering and Technology - especially in Further Education. NEF's programmes new and emerging technologies have reached some 140,000 post-16 learners.

Sa'ad is a Visiting Professor to Bournemouth University and a member of the Parliamentary and Science Committee. Sa'ad has been a member of the HEFCE's Quality Assessment in Learning and Teaching (QALT) Committee (2002-07) and a member of University of Bristol Court.

Sa'ad held a number of senior industrial and academic positions including Vice-President of Futuremedia plc, Director of ETB, founding Principal of Dubai University College, IBM Professor of Concurrent

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Engineering; Intergraph Professor of Electronic Design Automation; and Head of Research at Bournemouth University. He has published widely with over 60 publications and books worldwide and holds a number of invention patents.

Graham Moore OBE

Principal and Chief Executive, Stoke on Trent College; Chair, 157 Group

Educated at Smithills Grammar School, Bolton and the London School of Economics, Graham Moore has enjoyed a career of over 39 years in further education. For the last 20 he has been a Principal, first at Stratford-upon-Avon and since 1997 at Stoke on Trent where he has seen the college performance recover from the bottom 10% to move into the top quartile of further education colleges in England. Amongst a number of external roles he is Chairman of the 157 group (a group of 26 of the largest further education colleges in England that meet exacting quality standards); a Board Member of Becta, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the Further Education Ministerial Standing Group.

John O'Leary

Editor, Policy Review Magazine

John O'Leary is the Editor of Policy Review Magazine and previously edited The Times Higher Education Supplement from 2002 until 2007. Before that, he was the Education Editor of The Times for nine years, having joined the paper in 1990 as Higher Education Correspondent. A graduate of Sheffield University, he began his career on the Evening Chronicle, in Newcastle upon Tyne, and worked on the THES throughout the 1980s, latterly as Deputy Editor.

He edits The Times Good University Guide, which has been published annually since 1993, and the Guide to the World's Top Universities, first published in 2006. He was a member of the government inquiry into primary school tests in 1999 and has been a member of the board of British/Irish Encounter since 2005. He now advises a number of universities and national organisations in the education field, as well as writing regularly for The Times and a variety of magazines and journals. He can be contacted at john.oleary@policyreview.co.uk

John Stone

Chief Executive, Learning and Skills Network (LSN)

John Stone is currently Chief Executive of the Learning and Skills Network, an independent company set up in 2006 as a successor to a series of government agencies operating in post-compulsory education and training. It currently employs over 200 staff at its offices in London and Belfast.

At LSN John leads an organisation which supports excellence in Learning and Skills. It does this through delivering quality improvement and staff development programmes that support specific government initiatives, through research, training and consultancy; and by supplying services directly to schools, colleges and training organisations.

He is a Governor at the London City Lit and member of the Scottish Further Education Unit, London Higher Skills and JISC Services Boards. He currently chairs the BECTA e-Maturity Framework Design Authority and was a member of the Higher Education Funding Council Committee of Enquiry in the Changing Learner Experience.

Prior to this appointment John was Principal of Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College. He was also Vice-Chairman of the Joint Information Systems Committee, Chair of the Association of Colleges London Region, a Board Observer at the London Development Agency and a Board member of West London Business, Regenesis and the Southall Regeneration Partnership.

Simon Waugh

Chief Executive, National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)

Simon joined American Express from school initially working as a temp and then full-time as a Customer Service Advisor. He subsequently worked in the planning, finance, operations, sales and marketing functions. After ten years with the company he was appointed to the role of Sales and Marketing Director for the UK business.

In 1990 he joined Lloyds Bank Insurance Services, initially as Commercial Director and subsequently was promoted to the role of Deputy Managing Director.

In 1993 he joined SAGA as a main Board Director in his capacity as Managing Director of SAGA Services, running the non-travel related parts of the SAGA Group.

In 1997 Simon joined Centrica plc, a FTSE 25 Company, as Group Sales and Marketing Director - a role he maintained throughout his seven years with the company. For a period of three years he was also Managing Director of Centrica Financial Services (incorporating AA and Goldfish finance businesses) and for a subsequent two year period, Deputy Managing Director of British Gas. He was also on the board of Centrica's North America Business.

In September 2005 Simon joined AWD Chase De Vere in the role of Chief Executive Officer for the UK and moved to be Non-Executive Chairman in March 2007.

In February 2009 Simon was appointed to the role of Chief Executive of the newly formed National Apprenticeship Service, reporting directly to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families and the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

Simon is also a Non-Executive Director of CMC Markets, Deputy Chairman of SPARKS children's charity, a trustee and Board Director of Help the Aged and is a Life Fellow of both the Marketing Society and the Institute of Direct Marketing.

David Willetts MP

Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills

David Willetts is Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills and has been the Member of Parliament for Havant since 1992. He was Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions from 2001-2005 and has worked at HM Treasury, and the Number 10 Policy Unit. He served as Paymaster General in the last Conservative Government.

He is a Governor of the Ditchley Foundation and a member of the Council of the Institute for Fiscal Studies. He is Senior Adviser to Punter Southall, actuaries. David has written widely on economic and social policy.

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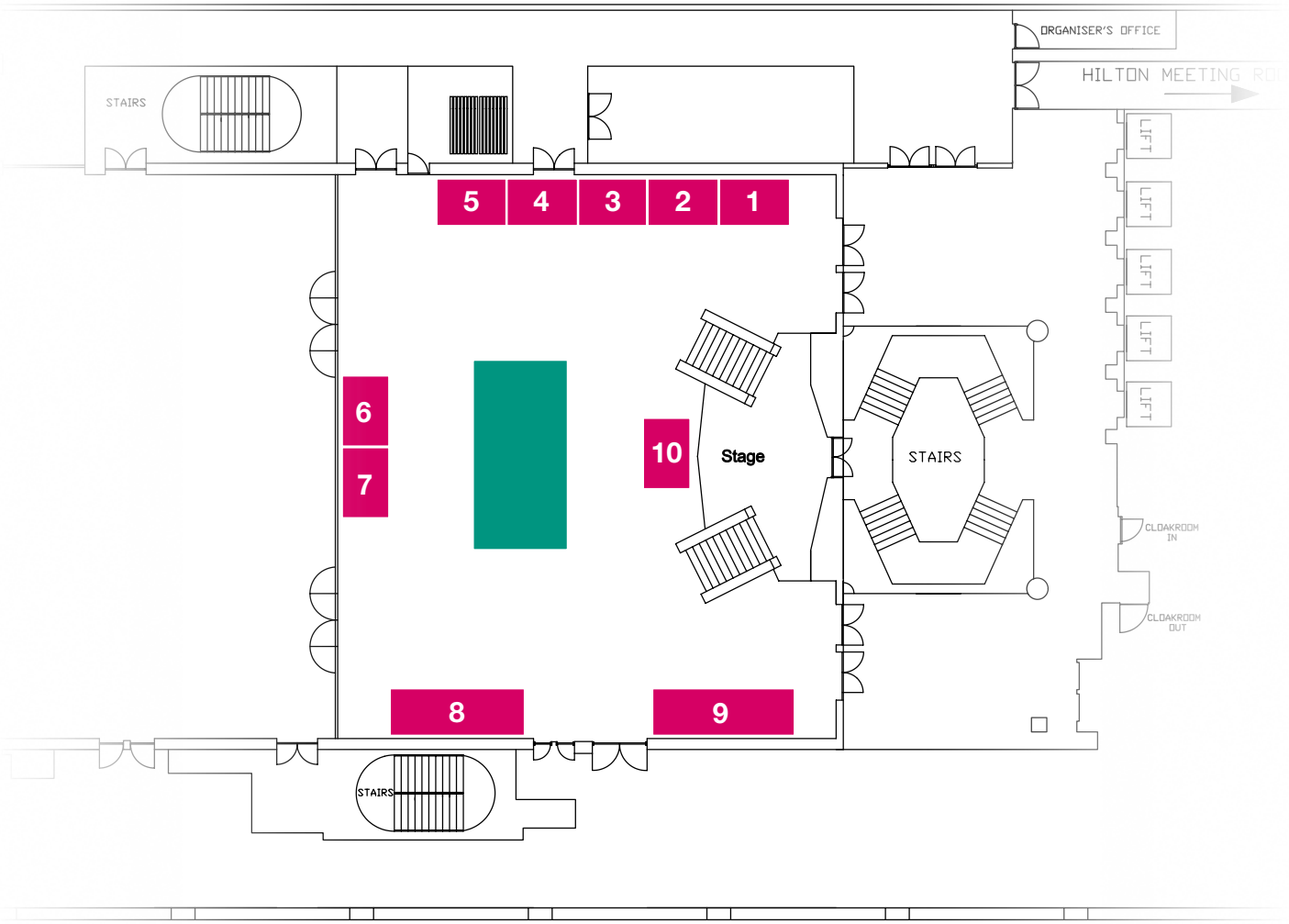

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- We create the space for debate and discussion
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