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Aim of this Session:

- Background to the Alliance
- The impact of recession from a sectoral perspective
- The role of SSCs in building for recovery

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Background to the Alliance:

- A Registered Charity, formed in April 2008
- Funded by all 25 SSC members
- UK – wide remit, offices in Belfast, Edinburgh, Cardiff & London
- Collective voice for the SSC community
- Campaigning role to promote the voice of UK employers in the skills system
- Lean, mean & strategic!

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Representing the employers of 90% of the UK workforce on skills

asset skills
Property services, housing, cleaning services and facilities management

IMI
THE INSTITUTE OF THE MOTOR INDUSTRY
The retail motor industry

government skills
The Sector Skills Council for Central Government

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in NORTHERN IRELAND
Construction

GoSkills
Moving skills forward
Passenger transport

Skills for Care & Development
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Social care, children, young people and families

cogent | Skills for Science Based Industries
Chemical, nuclear, oil and gas, petroleum and ploymer industries

Improve
food & drink sector skills council
Food and drink manufacturing

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The Sector Skills Council for environmental and land-based industries
Environmetal and land-based industries

semta
The Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies
Science, engineering and manufacturing technologies

skillsmart retail™
Retail

skillfast-uk
The Sector Skills Council for fashion and textiles
Apparel, footwear, textiles and related businesses

Skills for Health
Health sector across the UK

SKILLS for JUSTICE
Custodial care, community justice, court services, prosecution services, policing and law enforcement

Summit SKILLS
Building services engineering

SkillsActive
Shaping Skills for the Future
Sport and recreation, health & fitness, outdoors, playwork and caravans

creative & cultural skills
Advertising, crafts, cultural heritage, design, music, visual, performing and literary arts

energy&utilityskills
Electricity, gas, waste management and water industries

e-skills uk
Information Technology and Telecommunications and the lead body for Contact Centres on behalf of the Skills for Business network

Financial Services Skills Council
Financial Services Industry

skillset
Broadcast, film, video, interactive media and photo editing

LIFELONG LEARNING UK
Skills for Learning Professionals
Community learning and development, further education, higher education, libraries, archives and information services and work-based learning

people 1st
Hospitality, leisure travel and tourism

proskills
MAKING SKILLS WORK
Process and manufacturing, coatings, extractives, glass, building products and printing industries

Skills for Logistics
Freight logistics industries

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Opportunities Ahead

- our priorities to 2012

- A campaigning role for all Sector Skills Councils

- Opportunities and challenges:

  The political context
  The economic context
  The social context

- Top five priorities for 2009-12

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Alliance Objectives and Activities:

1. UK Positioning & Impact

England | N Ireland | Scotland | Wales

2.Standards & Qualifications

England | N Ireland
Scotland | Wales

3. LMI

England | N Ireland
Scotland | Wales

4. Cross-Sector Skills

England | N Ireland
Scotland | Wales

5. UK Membership Services

England | N Ireland | Scotland | Wales

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“Modern banking has systems of insurance that makes widespread bank failures less likely. Economists know much more today than they did in the 1930s. Our knowledge of how the economy works should help policymakers avoid past mistakes.”

Mankin and Taylor (2008), Macroeconomics

The perfect storm?
UK in recession:

- Unemployment at a 10 year high
- House price instability/fragility
- Loan to Deposit gap in UK banks now £720bn
- Government debt levels at highest recorded level
- OECD ranking 18th (out of 28) in debt-to-GDP

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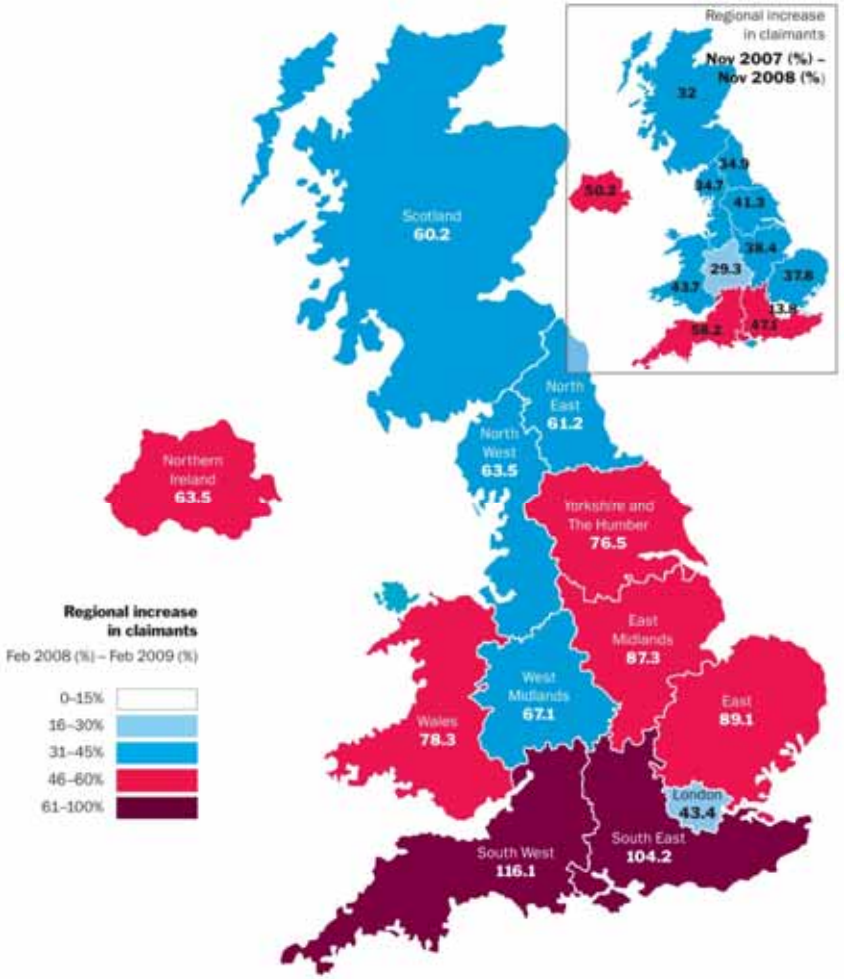
The spatial impact of unemployment



Source – ONS Nomis claimant count figures (non-seasonally adjusted)[2]

“Many companies operate nationally and internationally, not just locally and regionally. For many purposes employers have a strong sense of local association. But they also identify with their sector and their supply chain, particularly in keeping up with leading-edge techniques, product or service innovation, knowledge transfer from new research, and all of the consequences that may have for future skills needs .”

DfES (2003), 21st century skills: realising our potential. HM Government. P.48

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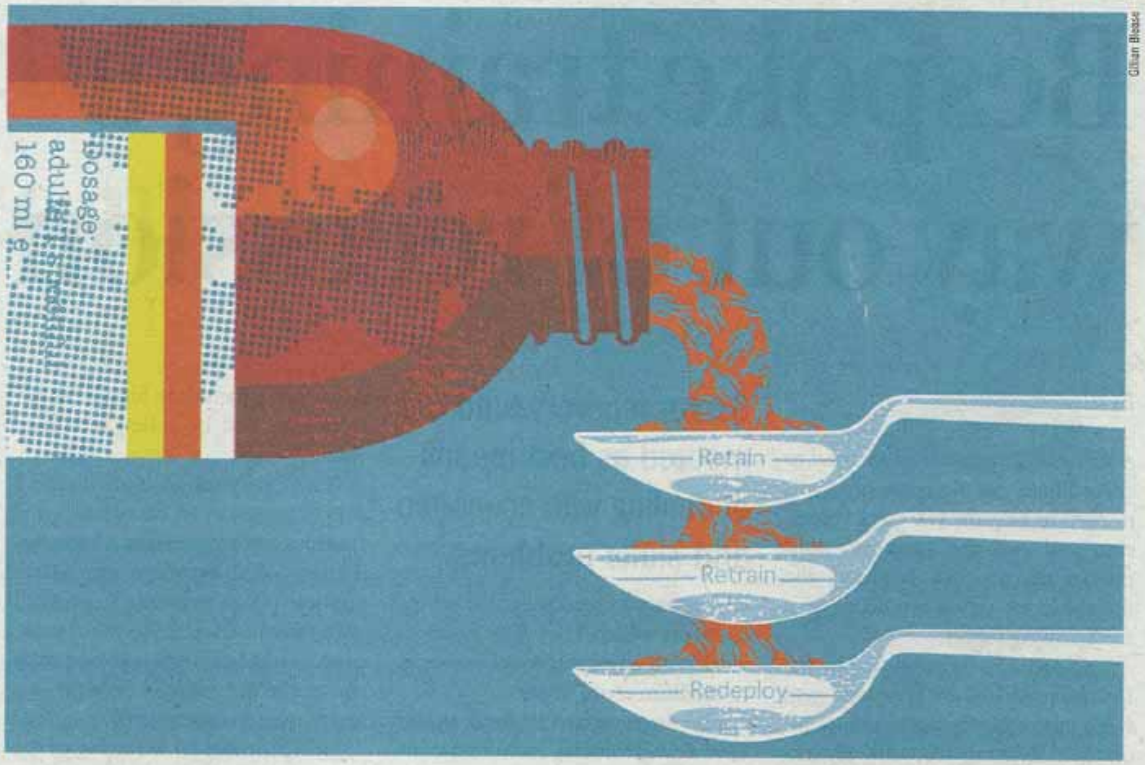

Gillian Blease

Three skills remedies to aid recovery

Dealing with the Recession

Sector Skills Recovery

- Targeted campaign across all sectors
- Retain, Re-skill and Re-deploy
- Pump-prime action sooner, greater, faster
- Addresses recovery and subsequent growth
- Proposed to government
- Opened door to No10 and partner organisations
- No direct budget funding but important future role
- Positive response to Budget

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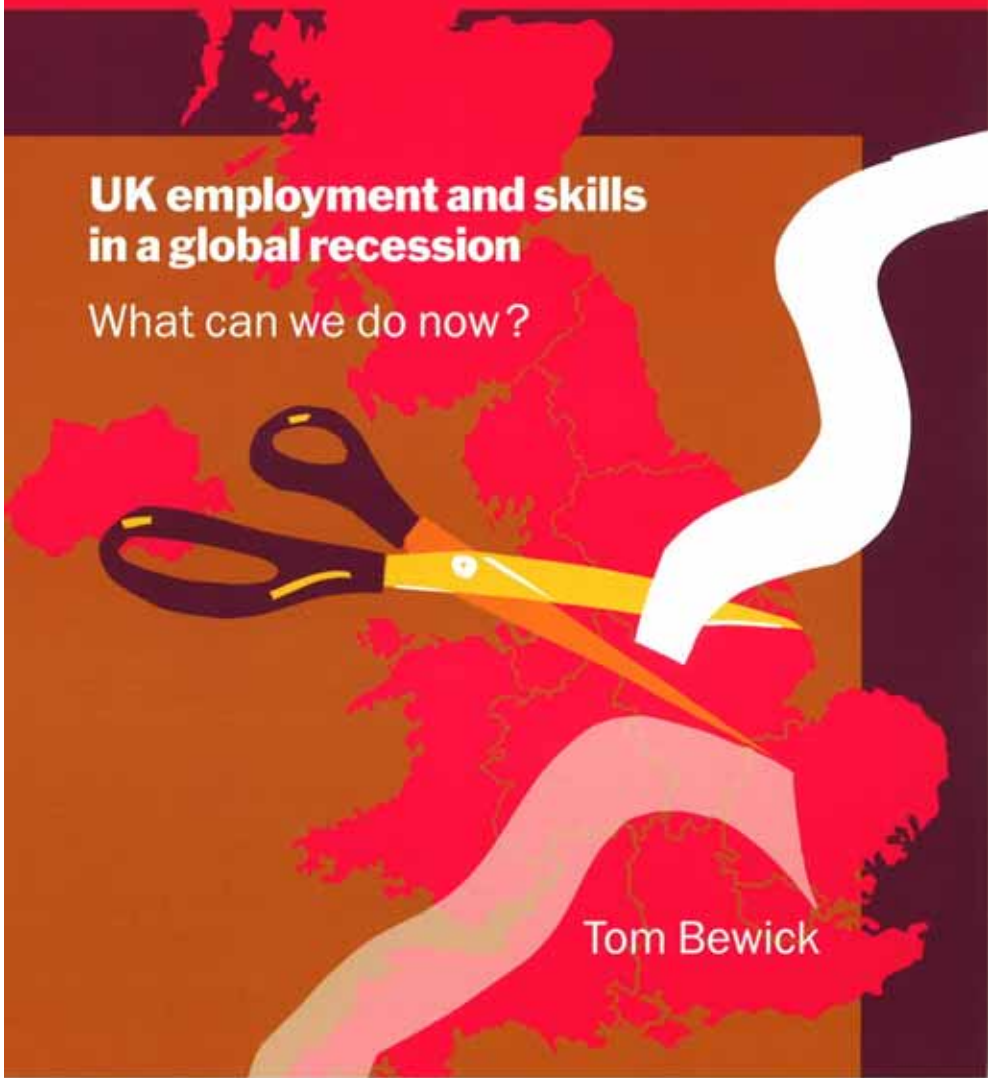
UK employment and skills in a global recession

What can we do now?



Tom Bewick

Ambition 2020:

"Making headway on the skills and jobs agenda during the recession will be very difficult.
Some of the jobs that are being lost will never return; some skills will become obsolete. But growth will come, and with it, new jobs – we predict about two million brand new jobs will be created between now and 2020.
The key to our economic renewal is to invest in human capital now – to deploy energy and resources in building the UK's skills base."

Sir Mike Rake, Chair UKCES, Ambition 2020 Report, April 2009

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Thanks for listening!

Any questions?

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