

Laurence Downey

Laurence left his post in July 2011 as the Northern Ireland Manager for the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils. The Alliance is the organisation comprising all licensed UK Sector Skills Councils (SSCs), the employer-driven organisations that together articulate the voice of the employers of more than 90% of the UK's workforce on skills issues.

Laurence was previously the Northern Ireland Manager for the Sector Skills Development Agency which he joined from Momentum, Northern Ireland's ICT trade association, where he was Skills Manager.

Laurence is a Computer Science graduate from Queen's University, Belfast, and has worked in technical, marketing and sales roles for a number of major IT companies. He has also worked in a project management role in the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in Queen's University where he was responsible for administration, finance and marketing in a major research centre focussed on the design and commercial exploitation of advanced electronic microchips.