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## Emerald collaborates with the University Vocational Awards Council to develop *Higher Education, Skills and Work-Based Learning* journal

**United Kingdom, November 2009** – Emerald Group Publishing is delighted to announce it will be collaborating with the University Vocational Awards Council (UVAC) to develop a new journal focussing on higher education, skills and work based learning.

UVAC is a not-for-profit membership organisation comprising more than 100 higher education institutions and further education colleges from across the UK. It provides the voice for higher education institutions committed to championing and mainstreaming innovation in higher level vocational learning.

Commenting on plans to develop the *Higher Education, Skills and Work-Based Learning* journal UVAC Chair Professor Joy Carter, Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester said:

*'Higher education has a fundamental role in up skilling the workforce and developing the vocational skills of new entrants to the workforce. The new journal will support academic debate in this area and the dissemination and application of innovation and good practice.'*

The editor designate of *Higher Education, Skills and Work-Based Learning*, Professor Paul Gibbs of Middlesex University said:

*'We will develop a journal that makes an impact and that leads both the debate and implementation of practice in the field of higher education, skills and work-based learning. We want the journal to appeal to all stakeholders in the sector'*

Emerald's Partnerships Publisher, Mr Rob Edwards, added:

*'We are delighted to be working with UVAC on this important launch, which fits strongly with our publishing ethos of 'research into practice' and research with impact. Emerald has a well-developed journal launch programme, and has also launched a number of publications with Societies and Associations in recent years. We look forward to working with UVAC to develop the new journal into a key resource for academics and practitioners in the field.'*

The announcement will be made at the UVAC Annual Conference in York, 5-6<sup>th</sup> November. The main topic during the conference will be 'Employer and Individual Demand for Higher Level Skills, the Role of Higher Education', and the conference will be addressed by the Labour Minister, David Lammy MP and Conservative Shadow Minister, John Hayes MP both of whom are responsible for higher education.

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## Notes for Editors

### Journal Objectives

The objectives of the journal are planned to be as follows:

1. To identify how skills gaps and shortages can be addressed through the provision of higher level work-based learning
2. To showcase UK innovation in the development, marketing, delivery, validation and evaluation of higher level work-based learning
3. To review and analyse international approaches to higher level work-based learning
4. To review and analyse the use of new technologies in the delivery and validation of higher level work-based learning
5. To identify and analyse partnership approaches in the development and delivery of higher level work-based learning programmes and professional development
6. To identify and analyse innovation in the validation of employer developed training programmes as higher education qualifications
7. To explore innovation in the funding of higher level work-based learning
8. To identify the benefits of higher level work-based learning to employers, employees and other learners
9. To explore new approaches to widening participation and social mobility in higher level work-based learning programmes, for adults and young people with vocational and work-based level 3 programmes and through APEL and credit
10. To review good practice examples of higher level work-based learning
11. To explore issues surrounding higher work-based learning and encourage lively argument and debate.

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