



Education for a Sustainable Future

#AscentisNationalConf22
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Welcome!

Phil Wilkinson

Group CEO @ Ascentis

(And Chair of the Corporation Board at a Lancashire FE College)



It's Great to be Back!



Aims of the conference

- To consider the key challenges & opportunities facing the sector
 - To hear from some inspirational speakers
 - To network and share thoughts & ideas
 - To find out how Ascentis can help you
- To take time out from your busy day to day jobs



Who is here today?

- Approx 90 delegates representing FE Colleges, Independent Training Providers, Adult Education Institutions, schools and Councils
 - Around 27 Ascentis staff who are here to help you



An interesting variety of titles





3 “gamechangers” for post-16 education (According to Gillian Keegan)



- Local skills improvement plans
 - Institutes of Technology
 - Excellent teaching in FE



And another 2 factors (According to Phil!)

- Funding: Nothing for FE in the Autumn Statement
 - Staff pay, recruitment & retention



A little update on Ascentis



- Ascentis is an educational charity
- We focus on specific areas & try to offer the best service in those areas
- We are the largest Access Validating Agency for Access to HE Diplomas
 - We are the largest Awarding Organisation for ESOL qualifications
- We also provide specialist software to schools to help children with dyslexia, dyscalculia & mental health (under our IDL brand)



Have a great day!

**Please ask us if we can
help you in any way**

I hope to personally speak to as many of you as possible!