WBL Champion: From Discussion to Action

Beyond the conference floor:
Turning ideas into practical resources

The past few months have been an important milestone for WBL Champion. Following the Education Conference in Malta in May, the consortium has been focused on sharing the project's findings, launching new learning resources and making the tools developed through the project accessible to educators, employers and Work-Based Learning professionals across Europe.

In May, **Knights College** welcomed more than 80 policymakers, regulators, employers and education leaders from across Europe for the **WBL Champion Education Conference** in Malta. The central question was: why is Work-Based Learning still treated as the exception, and what needs to change for it to become the norm?

80+ Attendees, 23 Speakers, 5 Themes, 10 Key Findings

The newly published **WBL Champion Key Findings Report** captures the outcomes of the Summit in ten key findings. One of the strongest messages was that Work-Based Learning needs to be treated as a strategic organising principle rather than an addition to a classroom-first education model. This means designing curricula, assessment and graduate outcomes with real-world learning in mind from the outset.

The discussions also highlighted the growing importance of so-called "human power skills". As AI and changing labour-market demands reshape the workplace, qualities such as curiosity, adaptability, critical thinking and collaboration are becoming increasingly important. For the WBL Champion consortium, the conference also demonstrated the value of European collaboration.

View the Report

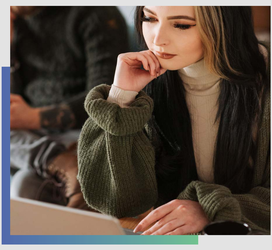
Practical Resources for Quality WBL

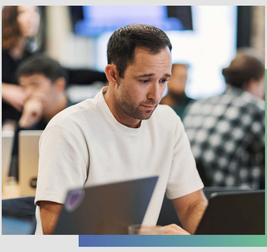
A major project milestone came at the end of June with the launch of the WBL Champion Online Learning Platform. The platform brings together the project's learning resources and outcomes in one accessible space, including three CPD courses and a QA Toolkit.

Online Learning Platform

WBL Champion has developed a range of resources to help institutions and professionals move from the principles of Work-Based Learning to practical implementation. Designed as a central hub for guidance, professional development and quality improvement, the WBL Champion Online Learning Platform gives educators, workplace mentors, academic staff and other WBL professionals access to resources they can use to strengthen the planning, delivery and quality assurance of Work-Based Learning.

Access the Platform





QA Toolkit

The WBL Champion Quality Assurance Toolkit provides practical guidance for strengthening quality assurance across Work-Based Learning. It is designed to support those involved in planning, delivering and monitoring WBL, helping institutions consider the processes, responsibilities and quality measures needed to create effective learning experiences. Rather than focusing solely on compliance, the toolkit provides a practical framework for thinking about how quality can be built into WBL from the outset.

View the QA Toolkit

CPD Courses

The WBL Champion platform also offers three free CPD courses developed for professionals involved in different aspects of Work-Based Learning. Each course focuses on a specific role within the WBL ecosystem, providing practical guidance, tools and approaches that can be applied directly to everyday practice. All three courses are delivered online, making them accessible to professionals looking for flexible, practical professional development that can be integrated into their existing roles.

Access the CPD Courses

Keeping the Conference Conversation Going

The Education Conference may be over, but the resources from the event are continuing to take shape. Throughout the past few months, video recordings, presentation decks and additional conference materials were compiled and shared with attendees and consortium partners.

Selected session clips and a full conference montage are also being prepared for the **WBL Champion YouTube channel**, giving those who could not attend the opportunity to revisit the discussions and hear directly from the speakers and contributors.

What's Next for WBL Champion

With the Conference findings published and the project's learning platform and resources now live, the focus is shifting towards making the project's outputs accessible and useful beyond the consortium.

The next phase is about continuing that conversation, sharing the project's results and supporting the wider European education and training community in making high-quality Work-Based Learning a more established part of education.

Get the WBL Champion Key Findings Report

From insights to impact — pioneering Work-Based Learning and digital transformation in Malta's skills ecosystem

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By following the WBL Champion project, you'll be the first to know when courses launch on the digital platform, and when additional resources are released. You'll also be part of a growing community of educators rethinking how we prepare students for real work.

WBL Champion Project partners: VITECO (Italy), KNIGHTS College (Malta), INOVA+ (Portugal), and Technological University Dublin (Ireland).

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