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prepare the youth of today for the world of tomorrow  
Ofsted and SICI international conference  
London Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January 2015**

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Dear SICI colleagues

Ofsted (The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills in England) and the Standing International Conference of Inspectorates (SICI) are pleased to invite you to an international conference on 'Inspecting Post-compulsory Education and Training – helping to prepare the youth of today for the world of tomorrow'. This will take place in London on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January 2015.

This is the first SICI conference to focus on evaluating the quality of what is provided for young people after they finish their compulsory years at school. It will look at how education and training after the school years help prepare young people for higher education, further training and the world of work. As the first conference to focus on this area, this is a unique opportunity to share practice, and we welcome contributions from those attending.

In addition, given that in many countries considerable public money is spent on funding

these courses, it is an increasingly important area for inspection. This conference will be of particular value to governments and inspectorates who have recently started, or are thinking of starting, inspection in this area.

Areas of particular focus will be:

- how inspectorates can drive the national agenda and help countries to be internationally competitive – the challenges that need to be addressed and how they can do this
- the experience in England and key messages in the Chief Inspector's Annual Report for 2014 – what has happened in the sector over the last year and how can we better prepare for the future?
- effective inspection practice of state and private providers – what works well, why it does and can it be improved?
- the use of data to measure performance – what to measure, how best to measure it and use it
- how Ofsted challenges and supports organisations that provide different types of education and training – how the programme has developed and its impact
- engaging employers – why we need to do this and the benefits it brings
- vocational training – how well does this prepare young people for their future?

For more information please see the draft programme and the conference registration form. Hotel bookings have been made for all delegates and Ofsted will invoice you after the event. Different options are available, such as including accommodation for the night before the conference. The hotel is centrally located and would act as a good base for those who wish to stay for the weekend after the event to explore London.

The General Assembly has approved that, from January 2015, for each member-inspectorate, **SICI will pay the cost of a workshop for one inspector**, excluding travel and personal expenses. This applies to this conference, and details of how to apply for the free place are included on the conference registration form.

If you wish to attend the conference I would be most grateful if you could complete and return the registration form no later than 19 November 2014.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at [international@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:international@ofsted.gov.uk), putting SICI in the subject bar of your email, or telephone

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I look forward to welcoming you to the conference, discussing post-compulsory education and training, sharing good practice and building expertise.

Yours sincerely

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