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## 1. Action: Higher Education learning aim requests: due 27 September 2019

Providers requesting new learning aims for prescribed higher education provision for the 2018 to 2019 funding year must submit the completed [form and validation approval letter](#) by Friday 27 September to meet the Office for Students timelines.

This allows time to create and upload them to the Learning Aim Reference Service (LARS) database for the R14 ILR submission that opens on Monday 7 October 2019 and closes on Thursday 17 October 2019.

Any requests received after this date for 2018 to 2019 may not be processed in time for the final R14 ILR submission.

Please submit the completed [form and validation approval letter] (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/individualised-learner-record-ilr-sources-of-data>) using the [ESFA online form](#).

## **2. Action: Institute of School Business Leadership (ISBL) workforce survey**

ISBL will be conducting a sector-wide workforce survey #ISBLWFS19 to gain clarity and insight into school business professionals and their practice.

If you would like to participate in this landmark survey, please complete the [ISBL School Business Professional Workforce Survey](#).

The survey closes on 29 September.

## **3. Information: school places and spaces conference – 12 November 2019 in Birmingham**

The Department for Education and the Educational Building and Development Officers Group (EBDOG) invite representatives from local authorities, large multi-academy trusts and dioceses, to the 'School Places and Spaces' conference. Hear from Lord Agnew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the School System; Rory Kennedy, Director of Capital Directorate; and Andrew Warren, Regional Schools Commissioner for the West Midlands.

There will also be a range of workshops available throughout the day on topics such as:

- estate management for schools
- spending on school places
- energy efficiency and school maintenance

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## **4. Your feedback: your experience working with ESFA**

If you are an academy, school or local authority, the team want to hear about your experience of working with the agency.

If you're interested in taking part in some research, and providing feedback on prototypes during October, please email [CustomerExperience.ServiceDesign@education.gov.uk](mailto:CustomerExperience.ServiceDesign@education.gov.uk). Include your available dates and use the subject line 'research' and we will get in touch to arrange a

suitable timeslot.

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