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Legislation meant to protect vulnerable temporary workers is taking teaching talent out of the classroom says The Association of Professional Staffing Companies (APSCo). The Agency Workers Regulations (AWR) legislation states that after 12 weeks, agency workers – in this case supply teachers – must be given the same pay and conditions as a permanent employee. The Chief Executive of APSCo., Ann Swain says: “This legislation was brought in to protect vulnerable workers at the lower end of pay scales. The Government has no understanding of teachers’ pay and conditions - or that teachers are not vulnerable workers but career professionals and we are now missing some really great skills from the classroom because supply teachers at the higher end of the pay scales simply become unaffordable for schools.”

That’s just one of the debates that will be addressed at the launch of a new education sector group developed by The Association of Professional Staffing Companies (APSCo). The group’s aim is to reposition professional recruiters as an essential resource to education establishments as well as to challenge government legislation affecting the education recruitment market.

Other issues on the table include the impact that academies will have on the future of procurement. “There is no doubt that it is currently in a state of flux,” says Swain. “With 75% of schools being targeted by Government to become academies by 2015, the current procurement framework is clearly unsustainable.”

The launch debate which will be held at the National Union of Teachers Conference Centre on 10 January. “Challenges for the Education Sector in 2013 and Beyond” will include a panel debate featuring:

- Matthew Slater – Principal of Drapers’ Academy
- Elaine Simpson - Chair of the National Children’s Bureau
- Julie Collins - The Government Procurement Service
- Neil Carberry, Director of Employment & Skills at the CBI
- Tony Cann CBE, Chair of Governors at Accrington Academy and member of the Strategy Board of the Institute of Effective Education at The University of York
- Eddie Austin, Chief Operating Officer of Core ECS

Interested parties who would like to attend are invited to e-mail Kirstie.KellyBatt@apsco.org or nick.bowles@apsco.org

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