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The theme of The Welding Institute Professional Membership area focuses on progression, skills development, and the future of the profession. Through a mix of discussions, workshops, and peer-led sessions, this workshop area brings together experience and emerging talent to explore career pathways, leadership, and the value of ongoing engagement with the Institute.

### **Discussion Forum: Bridging the Skills Gap**

A facilitated discussion exploring current and emerging skills challenges across the welding and joining industry, supported by a short, TED-style talk and live interactive polling to capture audience insight and experience.

### **Masterclass: CPD for Career Growth**

An interactive workshop focused on planning, recording, and evidencing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) effectively. The session will include real-world case studies from Professional Members who have used CPD logs to support career progression, followed by a Q&A with The Welding Institute's peer CPD reviewers.

### **Skills for Progression: From Workshop to Leadership**

A peer-led discussion examining the challenges of moving from the shop floor into supervisory and leadership roles, with a focus on how engagement with the Institute and its membership pathways can support professional growth.