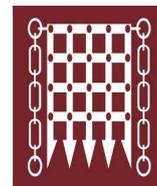


Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for international student recruitment in higher education - changes to the visa system and promoting the UK as a destination post-Brexit

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21st November 2017

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Member, House of Lords International Relations Committee
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Maintaining the UK's leading position in attracting international students - priorities for the sector**
Vivienne Stern, Director, Universities UK International
- 9.20 - 9.35 **The next steps for student migration - key trends and objectives for policy**
Anna Lacey, Head of Student Migration Policy, Home Office
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Student migration: latest data, policy trends and emerging challenges**
Madeleine Sumption, Director, Migration Observatory, University of Oxford and Member, Migration Advisory Committee
- 9.50 - 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.10 **The future for international student visa policy**
What proposals for visa rules affecting international students would have the best prospects for maintaining the UK's leading position as a destination for international students, and what would be the wider impact of their adoption? Should, as the Education Select Committee recommended, international students be removed from net migration statistics? Ahead of the expected Immigration Bill, perspectives on the process of negotiations regarding the position of EU citizens, particularly in respect of possible preferential treatment in students' visa applications after the UK has left the EU, and how their application process might differ from non-EU students. How can universities maintain and improve the standard of support offered to international students applying for visas?
Marley Morris, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR
Alp Mehmet, Vice-Chairman, Migration Watch
Anne Kiem, Chief Executive, Chartered Association of Business Schools
Judith Hockin, Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards
Yinbo Yu, International Students' Officer, NUS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 - 11.40 Coffee
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Promoting the UK as a destination for international students post-Brexit**
How successful have previous marketing exercises, such as the 'education is GREAT' campaign, been in raising the profile of the UK higher education sector, and what lessons can be learnt for marketing the UK post-Brexit? How are different regions of the UK likely to vary in their experience of the impact of Brexit on international student recruitment? In what ways can universities tailor their marketing to international students in different types of markets? What examples of best practice from countries successful at attracting international students might be applied in the UK?
Professor Alastair Buchan, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of Brexit Strategy, University of Oxford
Robert Carthy, Director of International Development, Northumbria University
Greg Houlahan, Minister-Counsellor and Senior Trade Commissioner, High Commission of Canada
Gavin Newman, Managing Director, iVent
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for international student recruitment**
Jacqueline Jenkins, Senior Advisor, Education Engagement, British Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Member, House of Lords International Relations Committee
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Higher Education Forum