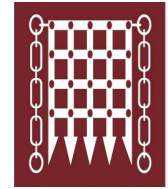


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Next steps for developing the Research Excellence Framework**

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Viscount Younger of Leckie**, Spokesman for Higher Education and Government Whip for Education, International Trade, Scotland, Wales and NI
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The second Research Excellence Framework (REF) - conclusions of the 'real time' review and development so far**  
**Dr Steven Hill**, Director of Research, Research England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.05 **Improving the representativeness of panels - supporting and promoting equality and diversity in research careers**  
**Professor Dianne Berry**, Chair, REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel and Dean, Postgraduate Research Studies and Professor of Psychology, University of Reading  
**Ellen Pugh**, Policy Programme Manager, Advance HE and Member, REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel  
Senior representative, union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 - 10.40 **Preparing for REF 2021's open access policy: ensuring increased access, uniform compliance and effective guidance**  
**David Ross**, Executive Director, Open Access, SAGE Publishing  
Senior representative, sector body  
Senior representative, university library  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Viscount Younger of Leckie**, Spokesman for Higher Education and Government Whip for Education, International Trade, Scotland, Wales and NI
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 - 12.10 **Next steps in developing collaboration through the framework - encouraging interdisciplinary and collaborative research networks**  
**Faith Wainwright**, Director and Head of Skills and Knowledge, Arup  
**Professor Rick Delbridge**, Member, REF Interdisciplinary Research Advisory Panel and Academic Lead, SPARK and Dean of Research, Innovation and Enterprise, Cardiff University  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, collaboration  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Maximising and assessing 'impact' - increased weighting and 'deepening' and 'broadening' definitions**  
**Professor Mark Reed**, Professor of Socio-Technical Innovation, Newcastle University and Chief Executive, Fast Track Impact  
**Professor Roger Goodman**, Chair of Council, Academy of Social Sciences and Warden, St Antony's College, University of Oxford  
Senior representative, natural sciences  
Senior representative, humanities  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum