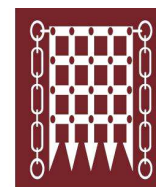


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:  
Next steps for regional innovation policy - developing clusters, strengthening university-business collaboration and priorities for the Knowledge Exchange Framework**

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*Venue: Central London*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Utilising the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund to deliver regional specialisms in research**  
**Paul Mason**, Director, Emerging and Enabling Technologies, Innovate UK
- 9.35 - 9.55 **Delivering intellectual property commercialisation in every region**  
**Guy Robinson**, Deputy Director, Innovation Directorate, Intellectual Property Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.50 **Developing innovation clusters - identifying regional strengths, attracting investment and policy priorities for smart specialisation**  
**Dr Chris Brammall**, Economic Development Project Officer, Economy and Environment, Isle of Wight Council and Project Co-ordinator, Solent Offshore Renewable Energy Consortium (SOREC)  
**Dr Nicola Broughton**, Investment Director, Head of Universities, Mercia Technologies  
**Andrew Basu-McGowan**, Policy Manager, Smart Specialisation Hub, National Centre for Universities and Business  
**Professor John Fisher**, Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Leeds  
Senior representative, business  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 - 12.25 **Universities as drivers of regional growth - tackling barriers to university-business collaboration, increasing spin-outs and the introduction of the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF)**  
**Tom Frostick**, Policy and Programmes Manager (Research, Innovation and International), University Alliance  
**Beata Szoboszlai**, Head of Academic Engagement, Transport Systems Catapult  
**Kate Pym**, Managing Director, Pym's Consultancy and Member, Innovation Council, Great Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership  
**Professor Jane Turner**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Enterprise and Business Engagement, Teesside University  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Oxford Innovation**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The Strength in Places Fund - next steps for regional innovation policy**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
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