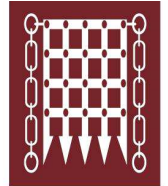


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Developing the role of universities in regional innovation - developing clusters,
supporting collaboration and responding to the new regulatory environment**
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 10th May 2018
Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Universities and regional innovation - the state of play in a new regulatory environment**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.20 - 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 - 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.10 **The next steps for delivering intellectual property commercialisation in every region**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.10 - 11.00 **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
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
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- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.40 - 12.30 **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
Senior speaker confirmed from **Oxford Innovation**
Senior representative, catapult
Senior representative, local enterprise partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The Leading Places programme - next steps for universities in their local economies**
Kevin Richardson, Local Growth Consultant, HEFCE
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