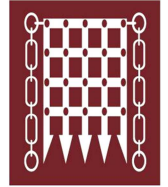


Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar

Next steps for regional innovation policy - developing clusters, strengthening university-business collaboration and priorities for the Knowledge Exchange Framework

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 10th May 2018

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**
Ann Coffey MP
- 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
Questions and comments from the floor
- 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
Dr Brijesh Roy, Investment Manager, 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
Dr Matt Hicks, Chief Technology Officer, Linear Diagnostics
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Ann Coffey MP
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Storey, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Education and Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Students
- 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
Laura Woods, Director of Academic Enterprise, Teesside University
Jo Willett, Managing Director, Oxford Innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The Strength in Places Fund - next steps for regional innovation policy**
Helen Cross, Head of Strategy Coordination, UK Research and Innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Storey, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Education and Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Students
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor - Forward Planning, Westminster Higher Education Forum