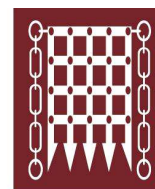


Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

Disabled students at university - facilities, support services and the impact of funding changes

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26th January 2017

Venue: Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Holmes of Richmond, Disability Commissioner, Equality and Human Rights Commission
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Assessing and addressing key challenges for disabled students and their universities**
Professor Geoff Layer, Vice Chancellor, University of Wolverhampton and Chair,
The Disabled Students Sector Leadership Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Current issues and challenges in complaints from disabled students**
Christine Child, Adjudication Manager, Office of the Independent Adjudicator
- 9.35 - 10.25 **Support for disabled students following Disabled Students' Allowance reform**
John Lamb, Executive Director, British Assistive Technology Association
Dr John Conway, Principal Lecturer & Head of Disability Services, Royal Agricultural University
James Elliott, Disabled Students Officer, NUS
Nicola Bennison, Partner, Eversheds
Questions and comments from the floor with **Christine Child**, Adjudication Manager,
Office of the Independent Adjudicator
- 10.25 - 10.50 **The future of the Disabled Students' Allowance - the rationale for change and Government's role in student support going forward**
Paul Williams, Deputy Director, Student Funding Policy, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Holmes of Richmond, Disability Commissioner, Equality and Human Rights Commission
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Lisa Cameron MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Disability
- 11.25 - 11.45 **Making campuses accessible for all - examples of best practice and challenges**
Mei-Yee Man Oram, Senior Consultant, Accessible Environments and Co-Lead, Accessible Environments Team, ARUP
Lauren West, Trailblazers Manager, Muscular Dystrophy UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Priorities for increasing disabled student participation in Higher Education**
Evan Odell, Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning (DRILL) Programme Officer, Disability Rights UK
Joanne Cooke, Associate Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director, Student and Academic Services,
De Montfort University
Dr Graeme Atherton, Director, National Educational Opportunities Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Improving access and student experience for disabled students - next steps for adopting a 'social model' of support**
Sarah Howls, Head of Student Opportunity, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Dr Lisa Cameron MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Disability
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum