Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Graduates and the labour market - improving employability, addressing skills gaps and latest recruitment practices

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 30th March 2017
Venue: Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NQ

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8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Chair's opening remarks
Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb

9.05 - 9.15 Reforming the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey and what it means for universities
Rachel Hewitt, Senior Data Policy & Governance Analyst, HESA

9.15 - 10.05 Current and potential issues for the graduate labour market - skills gaps, international exposure and the likely impact of Brexit
Sam Gordon, Research Analyst, Association of Graduate Recruiters
Dr Heike Behle, Research Fellow, LEGACY Project, Warwick Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick
Edward Holroyd Pearce, Co-Founder and Director, CRCC Asia
Dr Charlie Ball, Deputy Director of Research, HECSU and Head of Higher Education Intelligence, Prospects
Questions and comments from the floor with Rachel Hewitt, Senior Data Policy & Governance Analyst, HESA

10.05 - 11.00 Responding to the latest trends in graduate recruitment - changing recruitment and interview processes, addressing unpaid internships and next steps for wider efforts to improve social mobility
Doug Cole, Head of Academic Practice, Higher Education Academy
Laura Yeates, Head of Graduate Talent, Clifford Chance
Elaine Boyes, Executive Director, AGCAS
Francis Ingham, Director General, PRCA; Chief Executive, International Communications Consultancy Organisation and Master, City of London Company of Public Relations Practitioners
Hannah Harrison, Business Director, GTI Recruiting Solutions
Questions and comments from the floor

11.00 - 11.05 Chair's closing remarks
Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb

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11.35 - 11.40 Chair's opening remarks
Alison Goddard, Editor, HE, Research Fortnight

11.40 - 12.10 Addressing skills gaps - the role of Degree Apprenticeships and the likely impact of the Apprenticeship Levy on graduate recruitment
Dr Brooke Storer-Church, Higher Education Policy Adviser, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor

12.10 - 12.55 Preparing graduates for the labour market - supporting students to develop their employability
Dr Karin Crawford, Head, Lincoln Higher Education Research Institute, University of Lincoln
Andy Howard, Joint Acting Director, Careers and Employability Centre, University of Sussex
Addie Pinkster, CEO, The Adelpha Group
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks
Alison Goddard, Editor, HE, Research Fortnight
Matthew Bradberry, Forum Lead, Westminster Higher Education Forum