

Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for postgraduate taught education - funding, teaching quality and student experience

Timing: Morning, Monday, 9th October 2017

Venue: Central London



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Postgraduate loans: lessons and key challenges so far**
Paul Williams, Deputy Director, Student Funding Policy, Department for Education (subject to Departmental business)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.05 **Improving access to postgraduate study: key targets and priorities for growth**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 - 10.55 **Delivering postgraduate loans: affordability, widening participation and challenges for implementation**
Mark Bennett, Content Editor, FindA University
Professor Rosemary Deem, Professor of Higher Education Management, Royal Holloway, University of London and Chair, UK Council for Graduate Education
Professor Julia Clarke, Dean and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Faculty of Business and Law, Manchester Metropolitan University and Council Member, Chartered Association of Business Schools
Senior representative, student finance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Quality assurance in postgraduate education: ensuring teaching excellence, enhancing the student experience and improving employability**
Professor Paul Ashwin, Professor of Higher Education, Lancaster University
Mags Bradley, Surveys Insight Advisor, Higher Education Academy
Dr Charlie Ball, Director of Research, HECSU and Head of Higher Education Intelligence, Prospects
Senior representative, students' union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Assessing the next steps for postgraduate taught policy: future challenges and opportunities**
Chris Millward, Director (Policy), Research, Education and Knowledge Exchange Directorate, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum