

**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:  
The future of UK science and innovation - Brexit, the Industrial Strategy  
and the HE and Research Act**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

*Venue: Central London*



*Draft agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Liz Saville Roberts MP**, Shadow Plaid Cymru Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Delivering innovation in a changed environment - the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund and transition to UKRI**  
**Dr Ruth McKernan**, Chief Executive, Innovate UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.25 **The UK as a world leader in science and innovation - emerging technology, attracting international investment and strategies to ensure international competitiveness**  
**Alan Carlton**, Managing Director and Vice-President, Europe, InterDigital  
**Dr Sarah Main**, Executive Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE)  
Senior representative, catapult  
Senior representative, research funder  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Liz Saville Roberts MP**, Shadow Plaid Cymru Spokesperson, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Catherine West MP**
- 11.05 - 11.35 **The current state of knowledge transfer at UK universities - key trends and priorities for growth**  
**Alice Frost**, Head of Knowledge Exchange Policy, HEFCE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.25 **The next steps for improving commercialisation of UK research - delivery, managing intellectual property and expanding university-industry partnerships**  
**Morag Macdonald**, Partner and Joint Head, International Intellectual Property Group, Bird & Bird  
**Dr David Docherty**, Chief Executive, National Centre for Universities and Business  
**Irene Lopez de Vallejo**, Director, Research and Development, Digital Catapult  
**Dr Tony Raven**, Chief Executive, Cambridge Enterprise, University of Cambridge  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The future of science and innovation in the UK - next steps for policy**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Catherine West MP**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum