

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Priorities for reducing the bureaucratic burden in Higher Education

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The impact of bureaucracy on research and innovation - and latest thinking on how it can be reduced**
Paul Gemmill, Portfolio Director, Reforming our Business, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Reducing administrative burdens on research and innovation - funding application processes, rigour and measuring outcomes, and implications for research culture and wellbeing**
Professor Richard Catlow, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, Royal Society
Matthew McCallum, Faculty Research Strategy Manager, Newcastle University and Director of Member Engagement, Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA)
Fariba Soeta, Policy Lead, Research and Innovation, National Centre for Universities and Business
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, research foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Learning from streamlining and collaboration in health research during the pandemic - opportunities for the future**
Dr Kay Pattison, Head of Research Contracting, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Universities
- 11.10 **Priorities for the National Student Survey**
Emma Maskell, Head of Student Engagement and Information, Office for Students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Next steps for the use of metrics and data in the higher education and research**
What responsible use of research metrics looks like and how it can be fostered
Professor Max Lu, Vice-Chancellor, University of Surrey and Chair, UK Forum for Responsible Research Metrics
The impact of administrative reform on the development and application of metrics in key higher education frameworks
Senior representative, research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Regulation and bureaucracy in HE - options for radical reform of the system**
Dr Lee Jones, Reader in International Politics, Queen Mary University of London, and co-author, *Saving Britain's Universities*
Dr Philip Cunliffe, Senior Lecturer in International Conflict, University of Kent, and co-author, *Saving Britain's Universities*
- 12.15 **Reform and the contribution to driving up standards, the vitality of the HE sector and wider national policy aims - the way forward for efficiency and productivity, HE governance, and the sector's role in local and national recovery**
Amelia Horgan, Social Media Manager, Common Wealth, and PhD Candidate, University of Essex
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Lee Jones**, Reader in International Politics, Queen Mary University of London and **Dr Philip Cunliffe**, Senior Lecturer in International Conflict, University of Kent
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Universities
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum