

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for the UK charity sector

Timing: Morning, Monday, 22nd January 2024

Taking place online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Oliver Willis, Partner, BDB Pitmans
- 9.05 **Regulating fundraising in the UK**
Gerald Oppenheim, Chief Executive, Fundraising Regulator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Strategies for charities responding to cost of living concerns - understanding the role of charities, addressing key operational challenges, improving resilience, and approaches for engagement**
Dr Colin Alexander, Senior Lecturer, Nottingham Trent University
Camille Thobois Raymond, Stop Hunger Foundation Lead, Sodexo
Suhan Rajkumar, Senior Associate, Charity & Social Enterprise Department, Bates Wells
Graham Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Atkinson HR Consulting
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Oliver Willis, Partner, BDB Pitmans
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Catherine Evans O'Brien, Head of Communities, Information Commissioner's Office
- 10.55 **The way forward for innovation in the voluntary sector**
Chris Sherwood, Chief Executive, RSPCA
- 11.10 **Assessing the use of technology and data in the third sector - options for modernising fundraising and future regulation, impact of proposals in the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill, and considerations for social media and AI utilisation**
Alan Bird, Chief Technology Officer, Access Social Care
Oliver Willis, Partner, BDB Pitmans
Helena Wilkinson, Partner, Head of Charities and Not for Profit, PriceBailey
Kye Lockwood, Chief Executive Officer, DataKind
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Priorities for addressing issues with the charity workforce - volunteer and staffing shortages, closing third sector pay gaps, promoting staff wellbeing and tackling burnout**
Gamiel Yafai, Head of Diversity, Diversity
Woodjan Raza, Director of People, Culture & Inclusion, National Council for Voluntary Organisations
Chris Willis Pickup, Partner and Head of Charities and Social Ventures, Mishcon de Reya
Rebecca Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Law Works
Lucy Gower, Founder and Director, Lucidity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Catherine Evans O'Brien, Head of Communities, Information Commissioner's Office
Alice Burgess, Senior Researcher, Westminster Social Policy Forum