

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

Addressing racial discrimination in higher education - the UUK report, preventing racial harassment, and next steps for the Race Equality Charter

Timing: Morning, Monday, 1st November 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Matt Western MP, Shadow Minister (Education)
- 9.05 **The Tackling racial harassment in higher education report and priorities going forward**
Nona McDuff, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Students and Teaching, Solent University and Member, Universities UK Advisory Group to tackle racial harassment in Higher Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Developing university-wide strategies for addressing racial harassment - governance, resources and staff training, building confidence in reporting harassment, managing reporting data, and the use of tribunals**
Dr Solomon Zewelde, Academic, UCL Institute of Education, University College London
Julian Sladdin, Partner, Pinsent Masons
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, students' union
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Cultural aspects of addressing racism in HE - campus culture, coded racism and manifestation in online spaces, curriculum design and representation in course readings, as well as issues around historic university links**
Professor James Sloam, Professor of Politics (School of Law and Social Sciences), Royal Holloway (University of London)
Professor Randall Whittaker, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Academic, Leeds Arts University
Osaro Otobo, Deputy Chair, British Youth Council
Sofia Akei, Race Equity Lead, Centre for Equity and Inclusion, London Metropolitan University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Matt Western MP, Shadow Minister (Education)
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- Case studies and perspectives in improving support for ethnic minorities**
- 11.30 **Access, attendance, and retention, and improving representation in higher-tariff universities**
Senior representative, university/admissions
- 11.40 **Future prospects - earning after graduation and supporting career networking and entrepreneurship**
Sabrina Starke, University Partnership Manager, Absolute Internship
- 11.50 **'Fostering wellbeing and supporting student and staff success'**
Professor Frances Corner, Warden, Goldsmiths University of London
- 12:00 **'Some critical aspects of equal opportunity under the laws of the United States: US perspective on addressing racial harassment'**
Professor Lionel de Souza, Management and Technology, UniversitiGoGlobal
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for the Race Equality Charter and improving its impact**
Senior commentator
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum