

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Implementing the Turing scheme, next steps for international student exchange, and improving outcomes for students, social mobility, and the UK's international positioning in HE**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 13th July 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales
- 9.05 **Sector priorities and challenges for student exchange in the wake of the pandemic**
Celia Partridge, Assistant Director, Partnerships and Mobility, Universities UK International
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Developing Wales's International Learning Exchange programme**
Professor Colin Riordan, President and Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University
- 9.50 **Implementing the Turing scheme - transitioning from Erasmus+, supporting HEIs in the application process, funding priorities, and securing reciprocal partnerships**
Professor Johanna Waters, Professor of Human Geography, University College London
Professor Rosa Maria Martinez-Espinosa, Vice President for International Relations and Development Cooperation, University of Alicante
Ellen MacRae, President, Students' Association, Edinburgh University
Senior commentator
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales
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Tonia Antoniazzi MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Erasmus
- 10.55 **Priorities for maximising the role that the Turing Scheme can play in improving skills, employability and social mobility**
Lord Bilimoria, President, UK Council for International Student Affairs; Chancellor, University of Birmingham and President, CBI
- 11.05 **Widening access to student exchange programmes - tuition fees and student finance, the role of flexible exchanges, and supporting disadvantaged students**
Professor Rachel Brooks, Professor of Sociology, University of Surrey
Annie Willingham, Education Officer and President Elect, University of Bath Students' Union
Sabrina Starke, University Partnerships Manager, Absolute Internship
Senior commentator
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Boosting student mobility beyond Europe - funding priorities, developing partnerships, and building on best practice**
Professor David Carter, Head, International Study and Language Institute, University of Reading
Dr Janet Ilieva, Director and Founder, Education Insight
Professor Ly Tran, Research for Educational Impact Centre, Deakin University, Australia
Senior representative, international
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **International exchange strategy and priorities for the UK's positioning within the global higher education landscape**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Tonia Antoniazzi MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Erasmus
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum