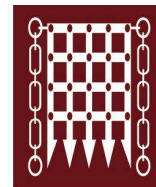


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UK higher education and net zero - the curriculum, collaboration, and sustainable estates and practices

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Duncan of Springbank, Former Minister of State for Climate Change, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 9.05 **Key findings of the Climate Commission for UK Higher and Further Education Leaders**
Professor James Longhurst, EAUC Commissioner and Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Environment and Sustainability, University of the West of England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **The direction of climate policy in the UK and the role of higher education institutions**
Rt Hon the Lord Deben, Chairman, Committee on Climate Change
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 **Embedding climate change into the HE curriculum, promoting climate research, and facilitating collaboration between departments and with other sectors**
Professor Judith Petts, UUK Climate Commissioner and Vice Chancellor, University of Plymouth
Quinn Runkle, Director of Education, Students Organising for Sustainability UK
Professor Pete Walker, Climate Action Framework Leader, University of Bath
Asher Minns, Executive Director, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Duncan of Springbank, Former Minister of State for Climate Change, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alexander Stafford MP, Member, Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee and Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hydrogen
- 10.55 **Divestment from fossil fuels and adopting environmentally sustainable procurement and investment**
Harriet Waters, Head of Environmental Sustainability, University of Oxford
Professor Mark Ormerod, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise and Professor of Clean Technology, School of Chemistry and Physics, Keele University
Dr Matt Watson, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, The University of Sheffield
Lily Tomson, Head of Networks, ShareAction
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Designing and delivering sustainable campuses - existing estates, new developments, and creating a whole university approach**
Alexandra Hammond, Director, Sustainability, Essentia Trading Limited
Dave Gorman, Director of Social Responsibility and Sustainability, The University of Edinburgh
Alasdair Young, Partner, Cities Energy, Buro Happold
James Tiernan, Group Energy and Environment Manager, Unite Students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'Supporting transformation of the research system to deliver net-zero - Funder's Perspective'**
Rob Gillies, Associate Director Environmental Sustainability, UK Research & Innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education closing remarks**
Alexander Stafford MP, Member, Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee and Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hydrogen
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum