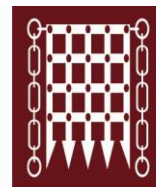


Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Attracting and supporting international students - recruitment post-pandemic, market opportunities, partnerships and competition, and graduate employability

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th February 2022

Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current state of international student recruitment and policy priorities moving forward**
Ella Carey-Phillips, Head - International and Secure HE, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Supporting international students' transition to UK HE and the attractiveness of the UK a study destination - the application process, access to funding, immigration requirements, and integration into the student community**
Sanam Arora, Chairperson, National Indian Students and Alumni Union UK
Gwion Sims, Head of International Recruitment, University of York
Dr Tahir Rashid, Associate Dean International and DBA Director, Salford Business School, University of Salford
Senior representative, online recruitment
Senior representative, embassy
- 10.00 **Exploring the relationship between the UK immigration system and the higher education sector, and the impact of the new points based system so far**
Senior representative, lawyer
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- Latest trends in recruitment, the international competitive landscape, and learning from international best practice**
- 10.50 **Perceptions of quality and value for money amongst international students and key market opportunities for UK universities moving forward**
Patrick Hayes, Chief Development Officer, Times Higher Education
- 11.00 **Widening international participation in UK higher education and considering the motivations behind international study**
Brian Pepin, Policy Adviser - International, UCAS
- 11.10 **Developing partnerships and learning from international best practice and competition**
Simon Terrington, Director and Founder, EdCo LATAM Consulting
Senior representative, international university
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **International student employment in the UK - job prospects and the Graduate Route Visa, improving HEI-employer collaboration, potential impact on skills shortages and regional economies, and talent retention in the long term**
Reese Chamberlain, #WeAreInternational Student Ambassador, UKCISA
Linda Cowan, Senior Vice President, UK and Middle East, Kaplan International Pathways
Senior speaker confirmed from the **AGCAS Internationalisation Task Group**
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for strengthening international student recruitment and the UK's global market position, and the future role of international student fees in the finances of UK HEIs**
Alex Bols, Deputy CEO, GuildHE
Senior representative, university association
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