

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

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Blower**, former General Secretary, National Union of Teachers
- 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  
**Jemma Davies**, Global Head of Enrolment Partnerships, Studyportals  
**Elizabeth Tresnan**, Study UK Programme Manager, The British Council
- 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**  
**Rachel Harvey**, Legal Director, Shoosmiths Solicitors
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Blower**, former General Secretary, National Union of Teachers
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Jo Johnson of Marylebone**, former Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation (2015-2018, 2019-2019)  
**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**  
**Ben Jordan**, Head of Policy, UCAS
- 11.10 **Developing partnerships and learning from international best practice and competition**  
**Simon Terrington**, Director and Founder, EdCo LATAM Consulting  
**Jessica Sandberg**, Dean of International Enrolment, Duke Kunshan 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  
**Noeleen Hammond Jones**, Co-Chair, AGCAS Internationalisation Task Group  
**Professor Jane Falkingham**, Vice President (International and Global Engagement), University of Southampton  
**Mark Bennett**, Director, Audience and Editorial, FindAUniversity  
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**  
**Lord Jo Johnson of Marylebone**, former Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation (2015-2018, 2019-2019)  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum