

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for international students in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current motivations for international students choosing the UK**
Haleema Masud, Policy Advisor, International Students, UCAS
- 9.15 **International student recruitment strategy and the impact on UK universities**
Assessing market trends / Impact of immigration rule changes on recruitment / The contribution of international students to UK HEI finances and alternative options / Strategies for maintaining the UK's competitive advantages
Jacqueline Jenkins, Global Programme Lead, International Student Mobility, British Council
Robbie Willis, Head of International Recruitment, University of Edinburgh
Amatey Doku, Senior Consultant, Moorhouse Consulting
Sanjay Parmar, Immigration Supervisor, Fragomen
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **International student life in the UK - assessing and meeting expectations**
Anne Marie Graham, Chief Executive, UK Council for International Student Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Next steps for improving the international student experience**
Student expectations / How the UK can best meet requirements / Supporting transition to the UK / Creating welcoming and inclusive campus cultures / Tackling harassment and isolation / Priorities for teaching, learning and support
Jude Waites, Education and Policy Officer, Erasmus Student Network
Professor Mark O'Hara, Senior Consultant, Advance HE
Dr Camilo Torres Barragán, EDI Consultant in the HE Sector
Dr Anne Rowan, Lecturer, Dublin City University; and Researcher, Advance HE
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Parekh
- 11.30 **The impact of the UK's graduate visa route so far and options moving forward**
Brian Bell, Chair, Migration Advisory Committee; and Professor of Economics, King's College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **International student careers and employability post-university**
The place of international students in UK skills strategy / Improving access to high skilled jobs / Support and guidance post-graduation
David Gee, Global Employability Development Manager, University of the West of England
Sarah Peel, MSc Careers and External Engagement Advisor, School of Management, University of Bath
Rosie Kennedy, Head of International and Postgraduate Employability, Gradcore
Senior speaker confirmed from Student Circus
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **The future role of international students - priorities for policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Parekh
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum