

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the Lifelong Learning Entitlement

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing institutional readiness and next steps for delivering the LLE**
Sandra Binns, Policy Advisor, Universities UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for funding the LLE**
financial sustainability of modular learning models / government-designated student funding levels / lessons from international systems / strategies to improve collaboration and cost-sharing / financial impact on HEIs / impact of delays to implementation on student confidence
Professor Sally Wheeler, Vice-Chancellor, Birkbeck, University of London
Senior representative, FE
Senior representative, international university
Senior representative, employer
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Aligning course provision with labour market needs and skills gaps**
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Delivering the LLE through modular and flexible learning**
Helena Vine, Lead Policy Officer, England, Quality Assurance Agency
- 11.15 **Designing and delivering modular learning**
modular learning, stackable qualifications and credit accumulation / eligibility and approval of modules / ensuring value for money for learners / course structure and delivery / pathways for progression / closing skills gaps
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, HE
Senior representative, FE
Senior commentator
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Widening participation and inclusion**
raising awareness and engaging learners / improving access for underrepresented and disadvantaged learners / regional upskilling and employer partnerships / barriers to participation / supporting social mobility and economic inclusion
Mary Curnock Cook, Chair, Dyson Institute and Pearson Education
Dr Ismini Vasileiou, Associate Professor, De Montfort University; Director, East Midlands Cyber Security Cluster; and Director and Co-Chair, UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, charity
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the LLE moving forward and preparing for 2027 delivery**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Higher Education Forum