

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the Lifelong Learning Entitlement

Timing: Morning, Friday, 10th May 2024

Taking Place Online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kim Eccleston, Head of Strategy & Reform and Delivery Lead for LLE, UCAS
- 9.05 **Implementing the Lifelong Learning Entitlement and next steps**
Andy Forbes, Head of Development, ResPublica
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Funding the LLE**
Financial impact on HEIs | Sustainability of government designated funds per student | Developing effective collaboration between government and the HE sector
Dr Charles Wiffen, Head of Academic Portfolio Development, Bath Spa University
Phillip Stone, Head of Partnerships and Business Development, Oxford Business College
Dr Sue Pember, Policy Director, HOLEX
Imran Tahir, Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Kim Eccleston, Head of Strategy & Reform and Delivery Lead for LLE, UCAS
- 10.20 Break
- 10.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jonathan Ledger, Global Skills and Professional Bodies Specialist, Department for Business and Trade
- 10.35 **Delivering the LLE through modular and flexible learning**
Helena Vine, Lead Policy Officer, England, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
- 10.45 **'Assuring the relevance of modules to the labour market'**
Karl Anderson, Head of Qualifications Policy, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
- 10.55 **Key challenges for the sector in supporting modular learning under LLE and implications for quality of provision**
Eligibility of modules under LLE | Potential changes to course structure and delivery of qualifications | Ensuring value of qualifications awarded | Establishing understanding for employers | Developing effective pathways for progression
Claire Barton, Assistant Principal, HE, Nottingham College
Joy Elliott-Bowman, Director of Policy and Development, Independent Higher Education
Ashley Wheaton, Vice Chancellor, University College of Estate Management
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Student experience studying under LLE**
Kim Eccleston, Head of Strategy & Reform and Delivery Lead for LLE, UCAS
- 12.05 **The future role of the LLE in improving access and widening participation in higher education**
Developing effective student engagement with LLE | Utilising LLE effectively to encourage students into higher and further education | Its role in improving social mobility | Using the LLE as a tool to improve regional upskilling
Professor Jonathan Michie, Professor of Innovation and Knowledge Exchange, University of Oxford; and Chair, Universities Association for Lifelong Learning
Dr Arti Saraswat, Senior Policy Manager, Higher Education, Association of Colleges
Chris McNamara, Founder and CEO, Pathway CTM
- 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Jonathan Ledger, Global Skills and Professional Bodies Specialist, Department for Business and Trade
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Higher Education Forum