

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
University safety and COVID-19 - implementing best practice, managing the impact on students and staff, and preparing campuses for the future

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th March 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- 9.05 **Building cohesive student communities through the pandemic and into the future**
Jenny Shaw, Student Experience Director, Unite Students
- 9.15 **Managing the student experience during COVID-19 - the impact of bubbles and quarantine on social life, integrating international students, and loneliness and mental health**
Levi Pay, Director, Plinth House
Sara Raybould, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience), University of West London
Lila Tamea, President, Students' Union, Liverpool John Moores University
Dr Monika Nangia, Director of Student and Academic Services, SOAS University of London
Questions and comments from the floor with **Jenny Shaw**, Student Experience Director, Unite Students
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Dealing with the challenges for universities - distancing, tackling anti-social behaviour, disciplinary processes, students' experience and relationships with their HEIs, and the effect on university towns**
Dr Andrew Chitty, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, School of Media, Arts and Humanities, University of Sussex and Co-Creator, UniCovidUK
David Gordon, General Secretary, Students' Union, London School of Economics and Political Science
Dr Sam Grogan, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience), University of Salford
Senior representative, COVID-19 compliance team
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Supporting university staff safety - academic and service provider needs, workload across university roles, provision of safety equipment and training, and protecting wellbeing**
Dr Adam Hansen, Senior Lecturer in English, Northumbria University
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Understanding the spread of infection across higher education settings and the effectiveness of safety measures**
Dr Gavin Yamey, Professor of the Practice of Global Health and Director, Centre for Policy Impact in Global Health, Duke University
- 11.50 **Retrofitting campuses for COVID safety - costs and consistency, contact control and tracing, and study in shared spaces**
Jane Harvell, Director of Library Services and University Librarian, University of Sussex
Darren Chalmers-Stevens, Director EMEA, CriticalArc
Senior representative, university estate
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Gavin Yamey**, Professor of the Practice of Global Health and Director, Centre for Policy Impact in Global Health, Duke University
- 12.30 **Next steps for student safety and community moving forward in the new normal**
Professor Simon Marginson, Professor of Higher Education, Department of Education and Linacre College, University of Oxford
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