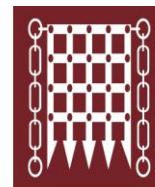


**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for university spin-outs and commercialisation**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 27th June 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Morgan, Managing Editor, Research Professional News
- 9.05 **Taking forward key recommendations from the Independent Review of University Spin-out Companies**
Professor Irene Tracey CBE, FRS, FMedSci, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford (pre-recorded presentation)
- 9.15 **Taking forward key recommendations from the Independent Review of university spin-outs**
Alice Frost, Director, Knowledge Exchange, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Spin-out creation and growth**
process efficiency and reducing bureaucracy | the role of early-stage angel and VC funding | securing scale-up and long-term investment | maintaining international competitiveness as an investment destination
Professor Ashutosh Tiwari, Deputy Vice-President, Innovation, University of Sheffield
Thomas Frostick, Head, Policy, Research and Innovation, The Royal Society
Lili Zhu, Partner, FounderX
Henrik Hagemann, CEO, Puraffinity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Spin-out creation in research departments - creating a fair blueprint for HEI and investor relations**
Dr Mairi Gibbs, Chief Operating Officer, Oxford University Innovation
Dr Christine Martin, Head, Ventures, Cambridge Enterprise
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
John Morgan, Managing Editor, Research Professional News
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Daniel Prokop, Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University
- 11.35 **International best practice - opportunities through research commercialisation**
Dr Todd Davey, Associate Partner, University Industry Innovation Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Future directions for the spin-outs landscape**
widening access in spin-out creation | examining the role of spin-outs in the levelling up agenda | exploring options for policy and investment moving forward
Nicola McConville, Partner, Mishcon de Reya
Dr Andrew Clark, Executive Director, Programmes, Royal Academy of Engineering
Dr Rhiannon Jones, Associate Professor, Civic Practice, University of Derby; and Founder and CEO, Designing Dialogue (S.H.E.D)
Marty Reid, Interim Executive Director, SETsquared Partnership
David Coleman, CEO, University of Birmingham Enterprise Ltd
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Dr Daniel Prokop, Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Higher Education Forum