

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for digital technology in higher education

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lucas
- 9.05 **The current landscape for digital technology in higher education**
Heidi Fraser-Krauss, Chief Executive Officer, JISC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Developing effective digital technologies for UK HEIs - ensuring value for money and maximising benefits for staff and students**
Sue Bagguley, Head of Business Development and Digital Enterprise Sales, Siemens Digital Industries
- 9.45 **HE course design and the role of digital technology**
blended learning models and digital courses | best practice for partnerships with digital platform providers | collaboration with staff | ensuring adequate training and supporting adoption | opportunities for increasing efficiency in course delivery and reducing workloads
Professor Manuel Frutos-Perez, Chief Academic Officer, CEG Digital; and Professor, Online Education, University of Hull
Professor Ian Pickup, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The Open University
Dr Ann Thanaraj, Associate Professor of Learning and Teaching; and Assistant Director of Digital Transformation, Teesside University
Paul Durston, Digital Learning Manager, Teesside University
Dr Ailsa Crum, Director, Membership, Quality Enhancement and Standards, QAA
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Lucas
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **The role of digital provision in widening participation and access to university**
Senior representative, university
- 11.05 **Student, staff and employer priorities for digital tech development**
widening participation through part-time and distanced learning | maintaining quality and value for students in teaching and assessment | use of AI and technology to adapt to employer needs and the graduate job market | the role of technologies in assisting access and inclusion for those with special needs | the future of lecture recording and implications for IP and the rights of teaching staff
Lila Tamea, PhD Researcher, Liverpool John Moores University; and Director, Baltic Creative
Jonathan Hassell, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hassell Inclusion
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, teaching
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Opportunities for supporting strategic national and global policy objectives**
innovating to support national and global priorities for environmental suitability and levelling up | ensuring digital inclusion alongside tech investment | what can be learned from international strategy | growing international teaching and research collaboration through tech
Dr Amanda Taylor-Beswick, Professor, Digital and Social Sciences; and Director, Centre for Digital Transformation, University of Cumbria
Vic Stephenson, Senior Consultant, Advance HE
Senior representative, international university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for developing and implementing digital technologies in HEIs**
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