

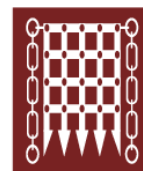
Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for UK transnational education

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 18th March 2026

Taking Place Online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current landscape for UK transnational education**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for developing the UK's TNE offer - evolving demand and delivery objectives**
TNE within the forthcoming International Education Strategy / co-ordination with trade, industrial strategy, and wider diplomatic objectives / market sizing / priority regions / diversification to manage regulatory and geopolitical risk / leveraging TNE to support host-country skills pipelines / research collaboration and partnerships / soft-power and reputational safeguards / ethical considerations, academic freedom and institutional autonomy / supporting universities' financial resilience and income diversification through TNE / implications of shifting aid and immigration approaches for long-term sector planning / market access and navigating restrictive regulatory environments / new partnership guidelines in countries such as Nigeria and India / the role of scorecards and decision metrics in guiding investment
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, partner institution
Senior representative, employer
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Tackling barriers to international TNE development - regulatory partnerships, ethics and capacity building**
Eduardo Ramos, Head, Higher Education Systems and Internationalisation, British Council
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 **Building digital capacity for inclusive TNE provision**
Elizabeth Newall, Senior Sector Specialist, Digital Transformation, Jisc
- 11.15 **Developing workforce capacity to support digital TNE strategies**
staff training, CPD, and cross-jurisdiction teaching skills / staffing requirements for international delivery / workforce models - local hire vs UK mobility / managing capacity across domestic and overseas commitments / shared sector approaches / building expertise / addressing variation in digital competence among staff and students / supporting pedagogy and assessment / academic integrity / financial sustainability of operating models / working around gaps in host-country digital infrastructure / licensing restrictions affecting access to learning materials
Senior representative, edTech
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, sector body
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Safeguarding the quality and credibility of UK qualifications in Transnational Education**
Shannon Stowers, Head, International Policy and Engagement, Quality Assurance Agency
- 11.50 **Quality assurance, global standards alignment, and transparency**
OfS risk-based oversight for TNE / European Standards and Guidelines and international QA alignment / pressures on British Council resources and its ability to support TNE activity / partner due-diligence and metric for consistent standards / graduate mobility and employability / co-ordination of oversight across UK regulators, host authorities, and international bodies / reliance on alternative diplomatic and regulatory channels / recognition for UK degrees delivered abroad / safeguarding consistent learning outcomes across jurisdictions / implications for graduate mobility and employability in priority regions / safeguarding student welfare in varied cultural and regulatory settings / managing risks associated with concentrated market exposure
Senior representative, sector body
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, international students
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for UK Transnational Education - policy priorities and 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