

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for UK universities within their local economies**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 15th July 2024

Taking place online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Wallace of Tankerness
- 9.05 **National Civic Impact Accelerator: what has been learnt so far**
Adam Leach, Programme Director, National Civic Impact Accelerator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Best practice for HEIs operating on a local level**
strategies for developing the civic roles of universities | key lessons from outcomes of established civic partnerships | enablers and strategies for successful partnerships | latest developments in university-industry collaboration | opportunities for rolling out effective, sustainable frameworks for joint working between HEIs, businesses and local government
Matthew Guest, Head, Local and Regional Business Engagement, Research and Enterprise Service, University of Central Lancashire
Adam Briggs, Deputy Director, Public Health, Oxfordshire County Council
Tom Ellacombe, Senior Associate, Beauhurst
Jess Mailey, Education Lead, BDP
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Measuring the local impact of UK universities**
assessing findings from KEF3 | cost-benefit for universities | securing sources of revenue for long-term regional projects
Joel Arber, Group Managing Director, SUMS Consulting
Dr Peter O'Brien, Executive Director, Yorkshire Universities
Ceri Nursaw, Chief Executive, National Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education
Tomas Ulrichsen, Director, Policy Evidence Unit for University Commercialisation and Innovation, University of Cambridge
- 10.55 **Funding approaches for HEIs to contribute within local economies**
Alice Frost, Director, Knowledge Exchange, UKRI
- 11.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Innovation through civic partnerships**
Greg Wade, Head, Innovation Policy, Universities UK
- 11.45 **Priority areas for providing place-based benefits and securing regional growth through local partnerships**
key areas for HEIs to contribute to their local economies | examining options for incentivising universities to boost local growth | reducing unnecessary administration and bureaucracy | widening participation | engaging creative industries | future role of HEIs in encouraging regional growth | HEI investment in regional workforce
Professor Graeme Atherton, Head, Centre for Inequality and Levelling Up, University of West London
James Doherty, Principal, UTC Portsmouth
Professor Catherine Richardson, Director, Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries, University of Kent
Amy Harhoff, Corporate Director, Regeneration and Growth, Durham County Council
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **A vision for the future for university partnerships on a local level**
Richard Brabner, Director, ESG, UPP; and Executive Chair, UPP Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Wallace of Tankerness
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Higher Education Forum