

Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar

The future for social security in England - Universal Credit, supporting vulnerable groups, and the impact of COVID-19

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 13th October 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Lister of Burtersett: Vice chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for Poverty
- 9.05 **Key and emerging issues for social security in England**
Dr Kate Summers, Fellow, Qualitative Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **My experience of claiming Universal Credit as a disabled person - what works and what doesn't**
Alex Tiffin, Freelance Author and Claimant, Universal Credit
- Assessing the response to COVID-19 and what it means for the future of the social security**
- 9.40 **The impact of COVID-19 on the UK economy and the demand for social security**
Senior economist
- 9.50 **Delivering a wider social security system that works for the most vulnerable**
Edward Davies, Head of Policy, The Centre for Social Justice
- 10.00 **Supporting those with no recourse to public funds during the pandemic**
Catherine Houlcroft, Principal Project Officer, No Recourse to Public Funds Network, Islington Council
- 10.10 **Devolution and social security, and the impact of different approaches to reducing hardship**
Joanne Roney, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor with **Alex Tiffin,** Freelance Author and Claimant, Universal Credit
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Lister of Burtersett: Vice chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for Poverty
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Anne McLaughlin MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Universal Credit
- 11.00 **Ensuring value for money from Universal Credit**
Joshua Reddaway, Director, DWP Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 11.10 **Rolling out universal credit - lessons from pilot programmes, implementation issues, migration from the legacy benefits, and supporting councils and recipients**
Brendan Sarsfield, Chief Executive, Peabody
Iain Porter, Policy and Partnerships Manager, Social Security, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Ryan Shorthouse, Director, Bright Blue
Tessa Gregory, Partner, Leigh Day
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor with **Joshua Reddaway,** Director, DWP Value for Money, National Audit Office
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Adapting the social security system to meet future challenges**
Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP, Chair, Work and Pensions Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum's closing remarks**
Anne McLaughlin MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Universal Credit
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum