Westminster Media Forum policy conference: Next steps for the UK's video game industry

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 27th February 2024

Taking Place Online

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration 9.00 Chair's opening remarks Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Media Forum 9.05 'The UK video games industry: an agenda for growth' Richard Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, TIGA 9.20 The video games future workforce - education and skills, research innovation, career pathways, and promoting diversity, inclusion and positive workplace cultures' Marie-Claire Isaaman, Chief Executive Officer, Women in Games Ryan Locke, Head of Centre for Excellence in Games Education, Abertay University Peter Cowling, Director, iGGi Games PhD Research Centre, Universities of London and York 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor 9.55 'Skills, funding and smart regulation - making the UK the place in the world to make, sell and play games' Dominic Murphy, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Ukie 10.10 Sector growth and supporting entrepreneurship Rory Daniels, Programme Manager, Emerging Technologies, techUK Michael French, Head, Games London; and Festival Director, London Games Festival Gill Walsh, Strategic Hub Lead, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Careers Hub Alison Lacy, Location Manager, Avalanche Studios Group 10.35 Strengthening the sector for the future Paul Durrant, Chief Executive Officer, UK Games Fund 10.45 Questions and comments from the floor 11.15 Chair's closing remarks Peter Cowling, Director, iGGi Games PhD Research Centre, Universities of London and York 11.20 Break 11.30 Chair's opening remarks Peter Cowling, Director, iGGi Games PhD Research Centre, Universities of London and York 11.35 Safeguarding and games for good - age-appropriate content, creating positive in-game cultures, and moving the use of games forward in ways that benefit players and wider society Sarah Sorrell, Charity Director, Safe In Our World **Dr David Zendle**, Lecturer, University of York Laura Harper, Partner, Lewis Silkin Aaron Gale, Vice President, Games and Entertainment, Paysafe Questions and comments from the floor

12.25 Regulatory priorities for the video game sector in the UK

Emily Keaney, Deputy Commissioner of Regulatory Policy, Information Commissioner's Office **Anna Mansi**, Director of Video Games & Certification, Certification Unit, BFI

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's closing remarks

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