

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

Next steps for the Research Excellence Framework

Timing: Morning, Friday 11th March 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor the Lord Krebs, Emeritus Professor of Zoology, University of Oxford
- 9.05 **Priorities for the REF and progress with the FRAP**
Dr Steven Hill, Director of Research, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **REF 2021 - researcher views and experience**
Dr Susan Guthrie, Research Group Director, Science and Emerging Technology, RAND Europe
- 9.45 **Priorities for a new research assessment regime - defining research excellence, the objectives of research and assessment, recognition of alternative outputs, grading and weightings, and reducing bureaucracy and administration**
Professor Simon Hettrick, Deputy Director, Software Sustainability Institute; and Director, Southampton Research Software Group, University of Southampton
Professor James Wilsdon, Director, Research on Research Institute, University of Sheffield
Professor Gunnar Sivertsen, Research Professor, Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education
Dr Elizabeth Gadd, Research Policy Manager (Publications), Loughborough University; and Head of Research Operations, University of Glasgow
Senior representative, early career research
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Professor the Lord Krebs, Emeritus Professor of Zoology, University of Oxford
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **International best practice in research assessment**
Senior representative, international
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Enhancing research impact - measurement, priorities for assessment and its place in future regimes, and promoting societal contribution**
Professor Robert MacIntosh, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Business and Law, Northumbria University
Sean Newell, CEO, Interfolio UK
Dr Kate Williams, Lecturer in Public Policy, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne
Dr Catriona Manville, Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Association of Medical Research Charities
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 Break
- 12.10 **The way forward for open research - implications for research assessment, complying with new regulations, and priorities going forward**
Anna Severin, Doctoral Researcher, University of Bern
Alex Wright, Head of Humanities and Senior Executive Publisher, Cambridge University Press
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Next steps for the review of the Research Excellence Framework**
Dr Steven Hill, Director of Research, Research England
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Patrick Owen, Researcher, Westminster Higher Education Forum

