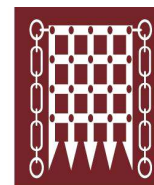


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Next steps for the Research Excellence Framework

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Key priorities for the REF**
Dr Steven Hill, Director of Research, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **The Real-Time REF Review - outcomes from the pilot study**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.45 - 10.35 **Research environments in the REF - stimulating positive cultures and wellbeing, academic independence and interdisciplinary research**
Professor Anne Boddington, Pro Vice Chancellor, Research, Business & Innovation, Kingston University
James Murray, Associate, Taylor Vinters
Dr Emma Williamson, Reader in Gender Based Violence, University of Bristol
Dr Julie Bayley, Director of Research Impact Development and ARMA Director of Qualifications, University of Lincoln
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 12.00 **Next steps for open research - alignment with UKRI open access policy and the broader open science agenda**
Professor Sylvia Walby, Professor of Sociology and Director, Violence and Society Centre, City, University of London and Chair, Sociology Sub-Panel, REF2021
Sofia Fernandes, Open Research Manager, University of Exeter
Senior representative, publishing
Senior representative, funding
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.45 **Delivery and measurement of impactful research - the significance of increased weighting, 'institutional game-playing' and the evidence base for effective impact assessment**
Professor Thom Brooks, Dean & Chair in Law and Government, Durham University
Dr Laura Bellingan, Science Policy Manager, Royal Society of Biology
Dr Juergen Wastl, Director Academic Relations and Consultancy, Digital Science
Professor Paul Phillips, Professor of Strategic Management, Kent Business School, University of Kent
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Closing keynote remarks**
Dr Steven Hill, Director of Research, Research England
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum