

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:  
Supporting disabled students - widening participation, improving student success and  
accessible campus design**

*Timing: Morning, Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

*Venue: Central London*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Lisa Cameron MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Disability
- 9.05 - 9.45 **Barriers to access - reforming the admissions process and improving the transition to university**  
**Rabia Lemahieu**, Disability and Skills Manager, Disability Rights UK  
**Professor William Leahy**, Vice-Provost, Students, Staff and Civic Engagement, Brunel University London  
Senior representative, admissions  
Headteacher  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 10.25 **Supporting student success - accessibility of learning environments and teaching resources, assistive technologies and developing employability**  
**Dr Nasser Siabi**, Chief Executive, Microlink  
**Professor Val Williams**, Emeritus Professor, Noah Fry Centre for Disabled Studies, University of Bristol  
**Steve Tyler**, Director of Assistive Technology, Leonard Cheshire  
Student  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.50 **Priorities for closing the access and participation gaps for disabled students**  
**Alex Lewis**, Senior Officer, Equality and Diversity, Fair Access and Participation, Office for Students  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Dr Lisa Cameron MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Disability
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 - 12.00 **Improving accessibility and ensuring effective campus design**  
Senior representative, consultancy  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, architect  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.25 **Responding to student complaints**  
**Christine Child**, Adjudication Manager, Office of the Independent Adjudicator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for supporting disabled students**  
**Greg Boone**, Team Leader, Disabled Students' Allowance, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum