Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference  
Latest developments in supporting disabled students - widening participation, accessible campus design, and enhancing the student experience  
*Timing: Morning, Monday, 14th October 2019*  
*Venue: Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS*  

**Agenda subject to change**

8.30 - 9.00  
Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05  
**Chair’s opening remarks**  
Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Worcester

9.05 - 9.50  
**Improving participation rates for students with disabilities - outreach, finance and tackling barriers**  
Rabia Lemahieu, Disability and Skills Manager, Disability Rights UK  
Elaine Colquhoun, Chief Executive Officer, Whitefield Academy Trust, London  
Amy Low, Service Delivery Director, AbilityNet  
Marva De La Coudray, Head of Widening Participation, SOAS University of London

Questions and comments from the floor

9.50 - 10.40  
**Supporting student success - developing an inclusive curricula, utilising assistive technology, the impact of Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) reform and promoting employability**  
Professor William Leahy, Vice-Provost, Students, Staff and Civic Engagement, Brunel University London  
Dr Nasser Siabi, Chief Executive, Microlink  
Professor Val Williams, Emeritus Professor, Norah Fry Centre for Disability Studies, University of Bristol and Lilit Movsisyan, former Researcher, Norah Fry Centre for Disability Studies, University of Bristol  
Victoria Passant, Programme Manager, Youth Employment, Leonard Cheshire  
Dr Gail Hopkins, Associate Professor and Disability Liaison Officer, School of Computer Science, University of Nottingham

Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 - 11.00  
**Priorities for closing the access and participation gaps for disabled students**  
Amy Norton, Manager, Equality and Diversity, Office for Students

Questions and comments from the floor

11.00 - 11.05  
**Chair’s closing remarks**  
Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Worcester

11.05 - 11.30  
Coffee

11.30 - 11.35  
**Chair’s opening remarks**  
Dom Kingaby, Higher Education, Widening Participation & Student Experience Division, Department for Education

11.35 - 12.10  
**Improving accessibility - effective campus design, retrofitting and integrating the latest assistive technologies**  
Liam Proudlock, Inclusive Design and Access Consultant, Proudlock Associates  
Rohan Slaughter, Subject Specialist (Assistive technology), Jisc  
Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Worcester

Questions and comments from the floor

12.10 - 12.30  
**Responding to student complaints, the application of reasonable adjustments and compliance with the Good Practice Framework**  
Christine Child, Adjudication Manager, Office of the Independent Adjudicator

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 - 12.55  
**Policy priorities for supporting disabled students**  
Paul Higgs, Student Finance Directorate, Department for Education

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00  
**Chair’s and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Dom Kingaby, Higher Education, Widening Participation & Student Experience Division, Department for Education  
Michael Reid, Senior Researcher, Westminster Higher Education Forum