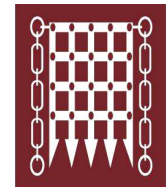


Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Growing international student numbers in the UK - recruitment, visa reform, student experience and career progression

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 20th November 2019

Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lucas
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The current landscape for international students in the UK**
Anne Marie Graham, Chief Executive, UK Council for International Student Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Competing in the international students market - lessons from the US**
Dr Cheryl Matherly, Vice Provost, International Affairs and Vice President, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania and President, Association of International Education Administrators
- 9.50 - 10.50 **Growing international student numbers - marketing the UK as an attractive study destination, developing competitive pricing strategies and the impact of visa policies**
Professor Simon Marginson, Director, Centre for Global Higher Education and Professor of Higher Education, University of Oxford
Sasha Lal, Consultant and Trainee Solicitor, Gherson
Alan Mackay, Deputy Vice-Principal International and Director of Edinburgh Global, University of Edinburgh
Fiona Samson, Director, GREAT Britain Campaign, British Council
Dhruv Krishnaraj, Founder, Student Circus
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Cheryl Matherly**, Vice Provost, International Affairs and Vice President, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania and President, Association of International Education Administrators
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 12.05 **Strategies for enhancing the international student experience**

Life as an international student in the UK
Anisha Faruk, President, Oxford University Student Union

Welcome to the UK - best practice on pre-arrival information, inductions and orientation
Andy Winter, Campus Life Director, University of Nottingham

Developing an inclusive and supportive learning environment
Marc Lintern, Director of Student Experience, Newcastle University

Life after graduation - managing the transition to the world of work
Joe Fitzsimons, Student Membership Manager, Institute of Directors

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Supporting international student progression: next steps for post-study work visas, career guidance and graduate employability, and alumni relations**
Philippa Hewett, Head of Careers Service, SOAS University of London
Esther de Perlaky, International Employability Manager, Student Opportunity, University of Warwick
Pat Saini, Partner, Head of Immigration, Penningtons Manches Cooper
Harry Anderson, Senior Policy Adviser, CBI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Lucas
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum