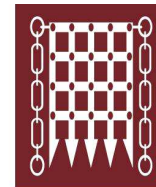


Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Growing international student numbers in the UK - recruitment, visa reform, student experience and career progression

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 20th November 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Next steps for implementing the International Education Strategy**
Gemma Turnbull, Senior Policy Advisor, International Higher Education, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **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
- 9.40 - 9.50 **Positioning in the European market - international degrees, English-taught courses and partnerships**
Professor Alessandra Scagliarini, Vice Rector, International Relations, University of Bologna
- 9.50 - 10.35 **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
Roger Gherson, Principal Solicitor, Gherson
Alan MacKay, Deputy Vice-Principal International and Director of Edinburgh Global, University of Edinburgh
Fiona Samson, Director, GREAT Britain Campaign, British Council
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 and **Professor Alessandra Scagliarini**, Vice Rector, International Relations, University of Bologna
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
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- 11.05 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lucas
- 11.15 - 11.55 **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

International students' mental health - understanding support needs and tailoring intervention
Anne Marie Graham, Chief Executive, UK Council for International Student Affairs

Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.30 **Priorities for supporting international student progression: next steps for post-study work visas, career guidance and graduate employability, and alumni relations**
Louise Farrar, Director, Student Recruitment, PwC UK
Senior representative, university careers service
Senior representative, law firm
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for supporting student migration**
Paul Jeffrey, Head of Student Migration Policy, Home Office
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