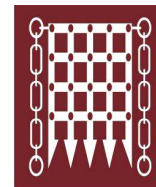


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Next steps for the Research Excellence Framework**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 4th April 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Viscount Younger of Leckie, Spokesman for Higher Education and Government Whip for Education, Scotland, Wales and NI, and Culture, Media and Sport (subject to Parliamentary business)
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Developing the second Research Excellence Framework (REF) - the real time review, the latest REF guidance and developing codes of practice**
Dr Steven Hill, Director of Research, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.10 **Priorities for the implementation of the Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel - its role in setting standards for institutions, building on best practice and opportunities for advancing equality and diversity in research careers**
Professor Dianne Berry, Chair, REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel and Dean, Postgraduate Research Studies and Professor of Psychology, University of Reading
Ellen Pugh, Policy Programme Manager, Advance HE and Member, REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel
Professor Rusi Jaspal, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), De Montfort University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 - 10.50 **Preparing for the REF 2021 open access policy - implementation, compliance and providing effective guidance**
Tom Merriweather, Executive Publisher, Open Access, SAGE Publishing
Valerie McCutcheon, former Chair, CASRAI UK; Open Access Special Interest Group Champion, Association of Research Managers and Administrators; Research Information Manager, University of Glasgow and Member, RCUK Open Access Practitioners Group
Nicola Dowson, Senior Library Services Manager, Research Support, The Open University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Viscount Younger of Leckie, Spokesman for Higher Education and Government Whip for Education, Scotland, Wales and NI, and Culture, Media and Sport (subject to Parliamentary business)
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Triesman, former Minister for Higher Education Quality
- 11.25 - 12.15 **Assessing the impact criteria - measurement and definition, and the significance of increased weighting**
Professor Mark Reed, Professor of Socio-Technical Innovation, Newcastle University and Chief Executive, Fast Track Impact
Dr Deirdre Black, Head of Research and Innovation, Royal Society of Chemistry
Professor Dana Arnold, Professor of Art History, University of East Anglia
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 - 12.55 **Next steps for developing collaboration through the framework - encouraging interdisciplinary research networks**
Faith Wainwright, Director and Head of Skills and Knowledge, Arup
Professor Rick Delbridge, Member, REF Interdisciplinary Research Advisory Panel; Academic Lead, SPARK and Dean of Research, Innovation and Enterprise, Cardiff University
Professor Roger Goodman, Chair of Council, Academy of Social Sciences and Warden, St Antony's College, University of Oxford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Triesman, former Minister for Higher Education Quality
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum