Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
The Research Excellence Framework - diversity, collaboration, impact criteria and preparing for open access

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 4th April 2019
Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

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| 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 |
| 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 - 10.05 | **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**  
Ellen Pugh, Senior Adviser, Advance HE and Member, REF2021 Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel  
Professor Rusi Jaspal, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), De Montfort University  
Questions and comments from the floor |
| 10.05 - 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, Open Access Special Interest group champion, Association of Research Managers and Administrators and Research Information Manager, University of Glasgow  
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 |
| 10.55 - 11.25 | Coffee                                                                  |
| 11.25 - 11.30 | **Chair’s opening remarks**  
Lord Triesman, former Minister for Higher Education Quality |
| 11.30 - 12.05 | **Assessing the impact criteria - measurement and definition, and the significance of increased weighting**  
Dr Deirdre Black, Head of Research and Innovation, Royal Society of Chemistry  
Dr Natalie Wall, Research Impact Manager, Queen Mary University of London  
Questions and comments from the floor |
| 12.05 - 12.45 | **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 |
| 12.45 - 12.55 | **Closing keynote remarks**  
Dr Steven Hill, Director of Research, Research England |
| 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 |