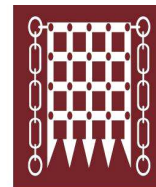


**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Evidence-based policymaking - priorities for closer alignment of academic research and
policy development**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 8th October 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 - 9.35 **The use of evidence in Parliament - priorities for building partnerships between academics and policymakers**
Dr Grant Hill-Cawthorne, Head, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Opportunities for embedding evidence-based policy across Government**
- From 'nudge theory' to outcomes in practice: translating behavioural science into effective policy*
Senior representative, behavioural insight
- Are What Works Centres working? - evaluating impact so far and priorities for maximising the Network*
Senior speaker confirmed from **Centre for Ageing Better**
- Positioning data at the heart of policy processes - priorities for identifying and collecting data, and conducting analysis*
Dr Zeynep Engin, Founder and Director, Data for Policy and Senior Research Associate, Urban Dynamics Laboratory,
University College London
- Engaging the public in the call for evidence*
Charise Johnson, Policy Associate, Sense about Science
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.55 **Case study: evidence-based policy in practice**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Addressing the barriers to evidence-based policymaking**
- Reforming entrenched policy and supporting policymakers to innovate*
Tom Sasse, Senior Researcher, Institute for Government
- Communicating science to the public in a post-truth era*
Senior representative, media
- Engaging policymakers and academics in dialogue - developing networks, awareness and partnerships*
Academic
- Addressing tensions between evidence and cultural norms*
Senior representative, public sector innovation
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for supporting evidence-based policymaking**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum