

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference**  
**Addressing racial discrimination and improving the ethnic minority experience in Higher Education**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP**, Member, Women and Equalities Committee
- 9.05 **Developing effective policy frameworks for addressing racism within HE**  
**David Isaac**, Chair of Governors, University of the Arts London and Former Chair, Equality and Human Rights Commission
- 9.15 **Priorities for developing an inclusive HE curriculum and understanding the nature of racism within the sector**  
**Professor Kehinde Andrews**, Professor of Black Studies, Birmingham City University
- 9.25 **'Embedding student voice in developing a whole university approach to race equality'**  
**Professor 'Funmi Olonisakin**, Vice-President and Vice-Principal International and Professor of Security, Leadership and Development, King's College London
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Improving racial equality within HE - the curriculum, research funding, recruitment training, and addressing the attainment and pay gap**  
**Dr Zainab Khan**, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Outcomes and Inclusion, London Metropolitan University  
**Ellie Mulcahy**, Head of Research, The Centre for Education and Youth  
**Sherrie Smith**, Research Assistant, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Engagement, Buckinghamshire New University  
**Howard Chae**, BME Officer, Cambridge University Students' Union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP**, Member, Women and Equalities Committee
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Sheikh**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Diversity and Inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- 11.05 **'The Race Equality Charter: a framework for transforming culture'**  
**Alison Johns**, Chief Executive Officer, Advance HE
- 11.20 **Initiatives for improving diversity, inclusion, equality, and campus culture - developing a whole university approach, widening participation, and supporting awareness**  
**Professor Tara Dean**, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise, University of Brighton  
**Dr Jason Arday**, Associate Professor in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Durham University  
**Max Kafula**, BAME Students' Officer, Lancaster University Students' Union  
**Dr Dom Jackson-Cole**, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Trainer, SOAS University of London  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Alison Johns**, Chief Executive Officer, Advance HE
- 12.05 Break
- 12.10 **Best practice in handling student complaints - duty of care, staff training, and managing reporting data**  
**Professor Randall Whittaker**, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Leeds Arts University  
**James Harris**, President, Union of Jewish Students  
**Georgina Calvert-Lee**, Head of UK Practice and Senior Counsel, McAllister Olivarius  
**Dr Liyana Kayali**, Lecturer, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Sheikh**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Diversity and Inclusion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths  
**Helen Crocker**, Forum Lead, Westminster Higher Education Forum