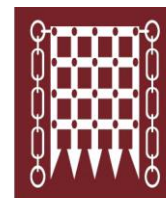


Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

Next steps for reducing bureaucratic burden in Higher Education and research - options, scope, and potential impact

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lucas, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Skills and Employment
- 9.05 **The impact of bureaucracy on research and innovation - and latest thinking on how it can be reduced**
Anne Sofield, Programme Director, Simpler and Better Funding, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Reducing administrative burdens on research and innovation - funding application processes, rigour and measuring outcomes, and implications for research culture and wellbeing**
Professor Sir Richard Catlow, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, Royal Society
Fariba Soetan, Policy Lead, Research and Innovation, National Centre for Universities and Business
Sophie Lowry, Strategic Research Executive, University of Edinburgh
Dan Burkwood, Head of Research Operations, Research & Innovation, Cancer Research UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Learning from streamlining and collaboration in health research during the pandemic - opportunities for the future**
Beth Allen, Senior Manager, Impact, Intelligence, Engagement and PPIE, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Lucas, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Skills and Employment
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- 11.05 **Priorities for the National Student Survey**
Emma Maskell, Head of Student Engagement and Information, Office for Students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Next steps for the use of metrics and data in the higher education and research**
What responsible use of research metrics looks like and how it can be fostered
Professor Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Surrey and Chair, UK Forum for Responsible Research Metrics
'Outnumbered: making the most of metrics'
Professor Roni Bamber, Professor Emerita of Higher Education, Queen Margaret University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Regulation and bureaucracy in HE - options for radical reform of the system**
Dr Lee Jones, Reader in International Politics, Queen Mary University of London, and co-author, *Saving Britain's Universities*
- 12.15 **Reform and the contribution to driving up standards, the vitality of the HE sector and wider national policy aims - the way forward for efficiency and productivity, HE governance, and the sector's role in local and national recovery**
Professor Leo McCann, Professor of Management, University of York
Professor Sue Rigby, Vice-Chancellor, Bath Spa University and Board Member, Quality Assurance Agency
Alan Welby, Innovation Director, North East LEP
Joel Arber, Managing Consultant and Group Head of Business Development, SUMS Consulting
- 12:40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum