

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for knowledge exchange in HE and research in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25th April 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



Draft agenda, subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe
- 9.05 **Strategies for enhancing knowledge exchange metrics**
Ellen Bamford, Head of Knowledge Exchange Data and Evidence, Research England
Tomas Ulrichsen, Director, Policy Evidence Unit for University Commercialisation and Innovation, University of Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **The current state of knowledge exchange in the UK**
Examining the KEF3 results | Assessing qualitative changes in knowledge exchange culture | The future role of university spin-out companies | Encouraging collaboration between knowledge exchange departments and external economic partners
Natalie Campion, Chief Executive Officer, KEVRI
Stuart Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Praxis Auril
Dr Louise Rutt, Senior Impact and Knowledge Exchange Manager, University of Plymouth
Senior representative, data
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Collaboration to expand the data pool - enhancing the UK's knowledge exchange resources**
Dan Cook, Deputy Director, Higher Education Statistics Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Priorities for knowledge exchange across the UK**
Graeme Dey MSP, Minister for Higher and Further Education, Scottish Government (pre-recorded contribution)
- 11.25 **Enhancing knowledge exchange throughout the HEI curriculum**
Professor Arlene Holmes-Henderson, Professor of Classics Education and Public Policy, Durham University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Maximising the benefits of knowledge exchange for wider society**
Engaging with local communities, and UK regions | The role of knowledge exchange in the levelling up agenda | Widening inclusion and learning from international best practice
Helen Lau, Director of Business Engagement and Research Impact, University of Birmingham
Greg Wade, Head of Innovation Policy, Universities UK
Ceri Nursaw, Chief Executive, National Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education
Senior representative, research and investment
Senior representative, international research
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Sector priorities and next steps for knowledge exchange in UK universities and research**
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Higher Education Forum