

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

Next steps for addressing sexual misconduct in Higher Education - duty of care, collaborative approaches, effective complaints procedures, and workforce priorities

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 27th April 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Bassam of Brighton, Shadow Spokesperson, Further and Higher Education, House of Lords
- 9.05 **Outcomes of consultation on harassment and sexual misconduct in higher education and policy priorities going forward**
Amy Norton, Head of Equality and Diversity, Office for Students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **An overview of gender-based violence on campuses and developing the Gender-Based Violence Charter**
Poppy Gerrard-Abbott, Researcher, The Emily Test
- 9.40 **Campus culture and protecting all student and staff groups - raising awareness, prevention, and priorities for staff training**
Sara Khan, Vice President, Liberation and Equality, National Union of Students
Andrew Winter, Director, Campus Life, University of Nottingham
Jo Seward, Director, Consultancy Services, LimeCulture
Jess Phillips MP, Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding
- 10.00 Question and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Bassam of Brighton, Shadow Spokesperson, Further and Higher Education, House of Lords
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Uddin, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Women and Work
- 10.45 **Implementing sector guidance to address staff sexual misconduct in UK higher education**
Dr Anna Bull, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Portsmouth and Director, Research, 1752 Group
- 10.55 **Best practice in handling student complaints**
Tracey Allen, Adjudication Manager, Adjudication Team, Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education
- 11.05 **Developing effective complaints procedures - investigation and decision-making procedures, trauma informed responses, and data recording**
Professor Peter Lambert, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Teaching, University of Bath
Fay Maxted, Chief Executive Officer, The Survivors Trust
Sandra Paul, Partner, Criminal Litigation, Kingsley Napley
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 Break
- Developing a collaborative approach to tackling sexual misconduct**
- 12.00 **Joint working on education, prevention and promoting bystander intervention**
Detective Chief Inspector Patrick Goodrich, City of Manchester Division, Greater Manchester Police
Spencer Davies, Head of Advice and Response, The University of Manchester
Meg Fenwick, Applied Theatre Lead, Research, Training and Quality, Odd Arts
- 12.15 **Developing multi-agency coordination, aligning policy across the sector, and the use of self-assessment frameworks**
Professor Graham Towl, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Colleges and Student Experience, Durham University
Alan Percy, Head of Counselling, University of Oxford
Kim Harrison, Head, Abuse Operations, Slater and Gordon
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Uddin, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Women and Work
Helen Crocker, Forum lead, Westminster Higher Education Forum