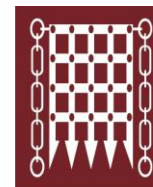


**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
University safety and COVID-19 - managing the impact on students and staff, best practice and its
implementation, and preparing campuses for the future**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 10th March 2021

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



**WESTMINSTER
HIGHER EDUCATION
FORUM**

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Bassam of Brighton
- 9.05 **Building cohesive student communities through the pandemic and into the future**
Jenny Shaw, Student Experience Director, Unite Students
- 9.15 **The student experience - bubbles and quarantine, teaching and learning, integrating new and international students, and transitioning to in-person communities**
Levi Pay, Director, Plinth House
Sara Raybould, Senior Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience), University of West London
Lila Tamea, President, Students' Union, Liverpool John Moores University
Dr Monika Nangia, Director of Student and Academic Services, SOAS University of London
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 Break
- 9.55 **The role HEIs can play in supporting local communities to recover from COVID-19**
Lord Kerlake, Chair, Sheffield Hallam University and President, Local Government Association
- 10.05 **The challenges and role for universities - safety and its management, the relationships with students and local communities, and the contribution of universities to post-pandemic economic recovery**
Dr Andrew Chitty, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, School of Media, Arts and Humanities, University of Sussex and Co-Creator, UniCovidUK
Dr Sam Grogan, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience), University of Salford
Les Allan, Director of Safeguarding Services, Heriot-Watt University, and Vice-Chairman, Association of University Chief Security Officers
Chelsey Grooby, President, Leeds Trinity Students' Union
Chris Murray, Director, Core Cities UK
- 10:30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Bassam of Brighton
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- 11.05 **Supporting university staff safety - academic and service provider needs, workload across university roles, provision of safety equipment and training, and protecting wellbeing**
Dr Adam Hansen, Branch Chair, UCU, Northumbria University
Mark Sterling, Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Staffing), University of Birmingham
Ruth Levin, Senior National Officer, Education, UNISON
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **'Campus reopening: experience from the United States'**
Dr Gavin Yamey, Professor of the Practice of Global Health and Director, Centre for Policy Impact in Global Health, Duke University
- 11.50 **Retrofitting campuses for COVID safety - costs and consistency, contact control and tracing, and study in shared spaces**
Jane Harvell, Director of Library Services and University Librarian, University of Sussex
Dr Simon Williams, Senior Lecturer in People and Organisation, School of Management, Swansea University
Trevor Payne, Director, Estates, University of Birmingham
Cindy Walters, Co-Founder, Walters & Cohen Architects
Russ Huxtable, Customer Success Ambassador, CriticalArc
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Next steps for student safety and community moving forward in the new normal**
Professor Simon Marginson, Professor of Higher Education, Department of Education and Linacre College, University of Oxford
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