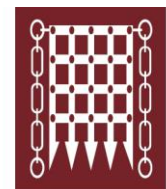


Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Next steps for UK research and development - support and policy priorities, international and cross-sector collaboration, and the role in economic recovery

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Shadow Minister for Food, Farming and Rural Affairs
- 9.05 **The state of play for research and development in the UK and implementing the Roadmap**
David Rogers, Deputy Director, Strategy Investment, UKRI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Next steps for supporting innovation in the UK**
Alice Frost, Director of Knowledge Exchange, Research England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **The way forward for international collaboration in R&D and retaining international research talent in the UK**
Stephanie Smith, Head of Policy, Russell Group
Professor Simon Goldhill, Professor of Greek, University of Cambridge and Foreign Secretary, British Academy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Policy priorities and support for UK research and development**
Holly Yates, Deputy Director, R&D Strategy and Finance, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Daniel Zeichner MP, Shadow Minister for Food, Farming and Rural Affairs
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Bilimoria, President, UK Council for International Student Affairs; Chancellor, University of Birmingham and Vice-President, CBI
- 11.20 **The R&D system and supporting economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic**
Improving productivity across businesses and the workforce
Professor Jun Du, Professor of Economics, Aston Business School and Centre Director, Lloyds Banking Group Centre for Business Prosperity
'The Living Laboratory: a 'triple-helix' approach to local economic recovery and growth'
Dr Carol Clugston, Chief Operating Officer, College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences, University of Glasgow
Digital development and innovation in the UK
Lauren Kisser, Director, Amazon Development Centre, Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 Break
- 12.10 **Developing a joined-up system - fostering effective collaboration between researchers, policymakers and businesses**
'Building links between researchers, policymakers and industry'
Gavin Costigan, Chief Executive, The Foundation for Science and Technology
'Supporting effective collaboration across sectors'
Dr Nicola Heron, Chief Business Officer, Medicines Discovery Catapult
Boosting business-led innovation in the UK
Dr Phil Harper, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Tribosonics
'Creating synergy between business and universities'
Dr Joe Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, National Centre for Universities and Business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Bilimoria, President, UK Council for International Student Affairs; Chancellor, University of Birmingham and Vice-President, CBI
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum