# **Westminster Business Forum policy conference**

# Next steps for the UK fashion industry - sustainability, ethics and growth

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

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8.30 Registration

## 9.00 Chair's opening remarks

John McNally MP, Vice Chair, All-party Parliamentary Group on Textiles and Fashion

## 9.05 Priorities for UK leadership in sustainable fashion - innovation, industry responsibility and policy

Tamara Cincik, Founder & CEO, Fashion Roundtable

Trewin Restorick, CEO, Hubbub

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 9.40 'Sustainable fashion and international opportunities'

Dr Sandeep Sandhu, Head of Stakeholder Relationships, KTN

# 'Follow up to the Fixing Fashion report and insights from the Fostering Sustainable Practices project'

Professor Dilys Williams, Director, Centre for Sustainable Fashion and Professor, Fashion Design for Sustainability, London College of Fashion

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 10.05 Break

# 10.10 Minimising the impact of fashion on the environment - waste reduction, growing the garment circular economy, and innovation in materials

Dr Mark Sumner, Lecturer in Fashion & Sustainability, University of Leeds

Sophie Slater, Co-Founder, Birdsong

Catherine Salvidge, Sustainable Textiles Sector Specialist, WRAP

Professor Tim Cooper, Head, Clothing Sustainability Research Group, Nottingham Trent University

Genia Mineeva, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, BEEN London

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 10.55 Chair's closing remarks

John McNally MP, Vice Chair, All-party Parliamentary Group on Textiles and Fashion

#### 11.00 **Break**

#### 11.05 Chair's opening remarks

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## 11.10 Protecting the workforce - working conditions, combating modern slavery and exploitation, and the impact of Brexit

Chloe Cranston, Business & Human Rights Manager, Anti-Slavery International

Sam Eastwood, Partner, Mayer Brown

Kate Hills, Founder, Make it British

Dr Julie King, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Creative Industries, University of South Wales and Events Director, ASBCI

Questions and comments from the floor

# 11.50 Break

# 11.55 Next steps for improving labour practices in garment fashion factories

Peter Andrews, Head of Sustainability Policy, British Retail Consortium

## 12.05 Supply chain transparency and options for regulation

Dr Lisa Cameron MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Textiles and Fashion

# 12.15 The way forward for sustainable and responsible growth in the UK fashion industry

Philip Dunne MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee

#### 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor

# 12.55 Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks

Dr Mark Sumner, Lecturer in Fashion & Sustainability, University of Leeds

Helen Crocker, Forum Lead, Westminster Business Forum

