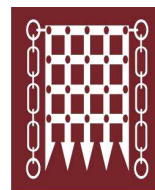


## Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

### Next steps for the Research Excellence Framework

Timing: Morning, Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Victoria Borwick MP**, Member, Science and Technology Select Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The review of the Research Excellence Framework - key challenges for the next REF cycle**  
**Julia King, Baroness Brown of Cambridge**, former Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Aston University and Member, Steering Group, *Building on Success and Learning from Experience: An Independent Review of the Research Excellence Framework*  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.40 **The REF so far - building on lessons learnt from the first cycle and the independent review**
- Assessing the REF - merits and the areas for improvement*  
**Professor Dinah Birch**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Impact, University of Liverpool
- Reducing costs and administration burdens*  
**Dr Ian Carter**, Director of Research and Enterprise, University of Sussex
- 'Improving the efficiency of the REF process'*  
**Laura Fedorciow**, Managing Director, Vertigo Ventures
- REF for all? The likely impact of extending REF submissions to cover all research staff*  
**Dr Richard Watermeyer**, Director of Research and Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, University of Bath
- The impact of the REF process on staff: pressures, opportunities and support for early career researchers in the REF process*  
**Dr Rob Copeland**, Policy Officer, University and College Union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Victoria Borwick MP**, Member, Science and Technology Select Committee
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Grahame Danby**, Senior Library Clerk, House of Commons Library
- 11.20 - 12.25 **Reforming the REF - encouraging collaboration, expanding the 'impact' criteria and supporting new fields of research**
- Commercialisation of science and REF's impact criteria*  
**Dr Malcolm Skingle**, Director, Academic Liaison, GSK
- Broadening the concept of 'impact' - engagement with policy, the public and teaching*  
**Professor Irene Hardill**, Professor of Public Policy, Northumbria University and Member, Capability Committee, Economic and Social Research Council
- How can REF encourage new fields and curiosity-driven science?*  
**Dr Martin Szomszor**, Consultant Data Scientist, Digital Science
- Re-designing REF to encourage interdisciplinary research*  
**Professor Dennis Leech**, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Warwick and Visiting Professor of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Addressing research concentration concerns*  
**Alan Palmer**, Head of Policy and Research, MillionPlus  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The next steps for REF**  
**Dr Vicky Jones**, Senior Policy Advisor, Research Policy Team, HEFCE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Dr Grahame Danby**, Senior Library Clerk, House of Commons Library  
**Jonny Roberts**, Associate Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum