

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

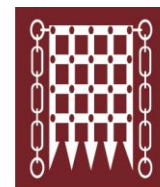
Opportunities for stakeholder involvement in policymaking - input on tackling key sectoral and regional issues, improving communication processes, diversifying evidence, and building on engagement during the pandemic

Timing: Morning, Friday 20th May 2022

*****Taking place online*****

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sheena Kerr, Head of Policy, Comms and Stakeholder Engagement, Migration Advisory Committee
- 9.05 **Options for policy-making reform**
Jonathan Slater, Visiting Professor, Policy Institute, Kings College London; and former Permanent Secretary, DfE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Improving the process of stakeholder engagement - access and transparency, outreach and streamlining cooperation, and organisation and coordination**
Dr Mahlet Zimeta, Head of Public Policy, Open Data Institute
Dr Stuart Thomson, Head of Public Affairs, BDB Pitmans
Shazia Ejaz, Director of Campaigns, Recruitment and Employment Confederation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Diversity in evidence, engagement and improving understanding of policy impact**
Maurice Mcleod, Chief Executive, Race on the Agenda
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sheena Kerr, Head of Policy, Comms and Stakeholder Engagement, Migration Advisory Committee
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Murphy, Head of Knowledge Sharing, Civil Service Policy Profession Unit
Deepening co-operation with key stakeholders in priority policy areas
- 11.05 **Case Study: UK retail and sector recovery**
Andrew Goodacre, Chief Executive, British Independent Retailers Association
- 11.15 **Case Study: Involving the public in science and technology policy**
Simon Burall, Programme Director, Sciencewise
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Connecting with key regions and economic areas**
Henri Murison, Director, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 12.00 **Stakeholder engagement, government's levelling up agenda, and tackling wider inequalities**
Abigail Olaleye, Project Lead, Voluntary Action Leeds
Professor Nigel Driffield, Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor, Regional Engagement, University of Warwick
Councillor Abi Brown, Leader, Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Evidence-informed policy going forward**
Amy Carmichael, Senior Policy Advisor, Open Innovation Team
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Patrick Owen, Researcher, Westminster Higher Education Forum



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