

***HEPI Annual Conference***

***What is University For?***

***Future-proofing the sector in the age of risk and regulation***

***Thursday 13th June 2019***

***At the National Gallery, London***

**Agenda (subject to change)**

9am Registration

9.40am **Welcome and introduction**

Nick Hillman, HEPI Director (Conference Chair)

Jon Wakeford, Group Corporate Affairs Director, UPP

9.50am **Chris Skidmore MP, Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, in conversation with Nick Hillman, HEPI Director**

10.05am Questions

10.20am **Launch of the findings from the 2019 HEPI / Advance HE Student Academic Experience Survey**

 Alison Johns, Chief Executive, Advance HE

Jonathan Neves, Head of Business Intelligence and Surveys, Advance HE

 Rachel Hewitt, Director of Policy & Advocacy, HEPI

 Nick Hillman, Director, HEPI

10.40am Questions/discussion

11.00am Break/networking

11.45am **Interrogating the data: what makes a good student academic experience?**

 Speakers:

Professor Tim Blackman, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University

Professor Sir Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter

Professor Elizabeth Treasure, Vice-Chancellor, Aberystwyth University

12.15pm Questions/Discussion

12.45pm Lunch

2pm **Afternoon Keynote: What is university for?**

 **Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive, Office for Students**

2.15pm Questions/discussion

2.25pm **How can the HE sector be future-proofed? Navigating the new landscape in HE**

* How can universities best navigate the potential new funding settlement for HE following the Augar Review?
* How should university leaders respond to the risks created by the new regulatory environment for HE?
* What actions should universities be taking to “future-proof” their institutions?

Speakers:

Professor Julia Buckingham, Vice-Chancellor, Brunel University, London

The Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge MP, Chair of Council, Royal Holloway, University of London

Ian Koxvold Partner, PwC, on the lessons from other sectors

2.55pm Questions/discussion

3.10pm **Future-proofing the sector: what are we not talking about that we should be?**

*As society grapples with the major global challenges – for example, around data security, changing demographics and the changing world of work as AI becomes a reality – how can universities creatively position themselves in this new future landscape?*

Introductory presentation from:

Joan Fennelly, Director for Higher Education, Oracle UK & Ireland

Hugh Langford, Development Manager, Henley Business School

Speakers:

James Smith, Research Director, Resolution Foundation

Stian Westlake, adviser to three science ministers, an expert on innovation, technology and government policy and co-author of the critically acclaimed new book, *Capitalism Without Capital: the rise of the Intangible Economy*

3.45pm Questions/discussion

4pm Conference closes

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