

**Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for graduate outcomes and employability in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 4th October 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current graduate employment landscape in the UK**
Tej Nathwani, Principal Researcher, HESA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Addressing changing trends in the graduate labour market**
examining graduate recruitment and retention rates | assessing demand for degrees from employers | increasing employer engagement in the skills and training sectors | the role of HE courses in addressing skills gaps in the job market
Nicola Sullivan, Solutions Director, Meet & Engage
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 **Ensuring university courses prepare students for employment after graduation and strengthening collaboration between HEIs and industry**
careers advice and mentoring services provided by HEIs | embedding employability within course structures and providing skills employers need | maximising the value and impact of internships, work placements and graduate schemes | understanding student employability expectations post-graduation
Raisa McNab, CEO, Association of Translation Companies
Alison Lowe, Director, Careers and Enterprise, University of East London
Senior representative, industry body
Senior representative, students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Next steps for supporting students into employment**
widening access and participation | examining qualification value | expanding measurements for graduate outcomes and success | retaining and expanding the UK's attractiveness as a study and work destination | strategies for incorporating student input into course content and structures
Olivia Trodden, Placements and Partnership Manager, Kingston University
Kirsten Barnes, Platform CEO, Bright Network
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, students
Senior representative, international students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for graduate employment moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remark**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Higher Education Forum