

Governance Conference 2019:

Professionalising Governance in Higher Education

28 November 2019, Radisson Blu Edwardian Bloomsbury, London

For Governors, professional support staff and policymakers, the conference provides a forum to share practice and discuss key and emerging areas of governance.

This year, our national conference will focus on 'Professionalising Governance in Higher Education'. It is designed for Governors of HEIs and members of the professional support teams who work with Governors and offers a forum to enable Governors, professional support staff and policymakers to share and discuss key and emerging areas of governance.

The conference will look beyond the sector, addressing practice, developments and insights and exploring whether and how these can be adopted in HE.

Programme

- 9.30am** **Arrival: Registration and refreshments**
- 10am** **Welcome and introductions**
Alison Johns, Chief Executive Officer, Advance HE.
Aaron Porter, Associate Director (Governance), Advance HE
- 10.15am** **Keynote and Plenary one**
David Isaac, Chair of the Board of Governors, University of the Arts London
- 11am** **Keynote and Plenary two**
Charlotte Valeur, Chair of the Institute of Directors
- 11.45am** **Refreshment break**
- 12pm** **Workshop session one**
- Workshop 1:** Boardroom behaviour, the challenge of establishing and sustaining a productive and constructive boardroom culture: *Chris Sayers, Chair, Northumbria University; Chair, Committee of University Chairs (CUC)*
- Workshop 2:** Governing well with (and beyond) the OfS regulatory framework: *Victoria Holbrook, Advance HE*
- Workshop 3:** Lessons from other shores; insights and ideas from HE in other nations: *Tony Strike, University Secretary, University of Sheffield*
- 1pm** **Lunch**

1.45pm Workshop session two

Workshop 1: Promoting and securing the student interest: *Jim Dickinson, Wonkhe*

Workshop 2: A code of Governance that's fit for the future: *Amanda Oliver, Committee of University Chairs (CUC)*

Workshop 3: Embedding diversity into the governance of UK higher education; exploring solutions, ideas and experiences from within and beyond HE: *Paul Cleal, Vice Chair, Kingston University*

2.45pm Refreshment break

3pm Plenary three

Panel session: Lessons for HE from other countries and other sectors

Professor Alec Cameron, Vice Chancellor, Aston University

Irene Birrell, Secretary, King's College, London

Paul Cleal, Vice Chair, Kingston University

4.15pm Closing remarks

Andy Shenstone, Director of Business Development, Advance HE

Aaron Porter, Associate Director (Governance), Advance HE

4.30pm Drinks and networking reception

5.30pm Event close