



Advance HE Scottish Governance Symposium

21 May 2021 9am - 1.30pm Virtual

Event overview

This event will provide a state-of-the-nation view on governance in HE, with a particular take on the emerging impact of the legislation on governance in Scottish HE institutions, considering progress on outcome agreements and a wider analysis of the funding landscape. We will hear from leaders in the sector, as well as court members, with delegates having the opportunity to network and share good practice.

The event will be facilitated by Aaron Porter, Associate Director Governance, Advance HE & Chair, BPP University & Governor, Goldsmiths University of London.

Event information

Date: 21 May 2021

Time: 9am - 1.30pm

Venue: Virtual

Price

Advance HE members: £175

Non-members: £235

Booking link:

Bookings can be made using the My Advance HE portal

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Agenda

9.30am - Welcome and introductions - Aaron Porter, Associate Director Governance, Advance HE & Chair, BPP University & Governor, Goldsmiths University of London

9.50am - Policy landscape - Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland

10.30am - Break

10.45am - Leading the board during virtual governance - Janet le Grand, Senior Lay Member, University of Edinburgh

11.00am - Reflecting on 1 year of virtual governance (breakout rooms)

11.20am - Feedback from breakout discussions

11.30am - Break

11.45am - Tackling racism on campus project - Khadija Mohammed, Senior Lecturer, University of the West of Scotland (Chair)

12.15pm - Where next for international provision in Scotland? - Rachel Sandison, Vice Principal External Relations, Glasgow University

12.45pm - Break

1.00pm - Understanding the financial health of Scottish HE - Carol Prokopyszyn, Director of Finance, University of Dundee

1.30pm - Close



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Facilitators

The event will be facilitated by Aaron Porter, Associate Director Governance, Advance HE.

Aaron Porter

Associate Director (Governance),

Aaron Porter is the Associate Director (Governance) for Advance HE leading on engagement with governing bodies and governance across the UK, including leading reviews of board effectiveness. He has worked with over 75 universities both in the UK and overseas, as well as projects for national governments focused on higher education.



Speakers

Alastair Sim

Director of Universities Scotland

Alastair Sim has been Director of Universities Scotland since July 2009, joining from the Scottish Civil Service. Since 2009 he has navigated the Scottish HE sector through two Scottish elections, two general elections, a referendum on Scottish independence, several spending reviews and a funding gap. Alastair was Director of Policy and Strategy at the Scottish Courts before joining Universities Scotland.



Janet Legrand QC Hon

Senior Lay Member of Court, The University of Edinburgh

Former Senior Partner and Board Chair of global law firm DLA Piper, Janet is the Senior Lay Member of Court at the University of Edinburgh. She has significant governance experience in higher education; in particular from her prior roles on the Audit Committee of the University of Cambridge and as Deputy Chair of Council at City, University of London, where she was also a Trustee of the Student's Union.



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Speakers continued

Khadija Mohammed

Senior Lecturer in the School of Education and Social Science, University of the West of Scotland

Khadija is a Senior Lecturer and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in the School of Education and Social Sciences. She is Chair of the [Anti-Racist Curriculum Project](#), a new collaborative research project funded by SFC and in collaboration with QAA Scotland and Advance HE that aims to understand and support the development of an anti-racist curriculum for universities and colleges in Scotland.



Rachel Sandison

Vice Principal, External Relations, University of Glasgow

Rachel Sandison is the Vice-Principal for External Relations at the University of Glasgow where she has responsibility for leading the University's strategy for external engagement and an integrated Directorate covering Marketing; Student Recruitment; Admissions; Internationalisation; Widening Access and Development & Alumni Relations. Rachel is a Chartered Marketer and is currently the Chair of the CASE Europe Marketing Institute whilst also contributing to several sector advisory boards both at home and overseas.



Carol Prokopyszyn

Director of Finance, University of Dundee

Carol is the Director of Finance at the University of Dundee. She has over twelve years' experience of working in UK Higher Education across three institutions. She moved to her current role at Dundee in 2018 having previously been Deputy Director of Finance at Loughborough University and the University of Leicester. She has contributed to policy advisory boards for fair access and development of accounting standards for higher education.



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