





"Reading the Tea Leaves": Preparing for the Future of **Mental Wellbeing in Higher Education**

Date: 17 May 2022

Location: Conference Aston, Birmingham

Programme

Time	Activity
09:30	Registration and Refreshments
10:00	Welcome
	Dr Dominique Thompson, Interim Chair, MWBHE Expert Group
10:05	Reflections (10 mins)
	Alan Percy, Outgoing Chair of MWBHE Expert Group
	Keynote (10 mins)
	Sarah Chappell, TASO (Transforming Access and Student Outcomes)
	Keynote (10 mins)
	Géraldine Dufour, MWBHE Expert Group
	Q&A (10 mins)
	Chair: Dr Dominique Thompson, MWBHE Expert Group
	Panel session (45 mins)
10:45	The future of out-of-hours support
	Chair: Géraldine Dufour, MWBHE Expert Group
	Ben Lewis, Director, Student Support and Wellbeing, Cardiff University
	Jacob Kelly, Student Trustee, Nightline Association
	Augusta Nnajiofor, Student Advice Team Coordinator, UWE Bristol
11:30	Break (20 mins)
11:50	Panel session (45 mins)
	The future of building community and developing population-based approaches to wellbeing on and off campus
	Chair: Emma Nieminen, Nightline Association
	Dr Denise Meyer, Head of Wellbeing (Counselling and Mental Health), University of Portsmouth
	Dr Allán Laville, Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Reading
	Ben Morley, Managing Director, True Student
12:35	Keynote (15 mins + 10 Q&A)
	Chair: Dr Dominique Thompson, MWBHE Expert Group
	Dr Lucy Foulkes, Author and honorary lecturer, University College London

13:00	Lunch (1 hour)
14:00	Panel session (45 mins)
	The future of staff wellbeing
	Chair: Laura Smythson, University of Surrey and Student Health Association
	Professor Daniel Ladley, Professor of Finance, University of Leicester
	Professor Nic Beech, Vice Chancellor, University of Middlesex
	Dr Joan O'Mahony, Director of Academic Development, Bloomsbury Institute
14:45	Break (20 mins)
15:05	Panel session (45 mins)
	The future of suicide prevention
	Chair: Nic Streatfield, Director of Student Life and Wellbeing, University of York and AMOSSHE
	Treasa Fox, Head of Counselling Service, Technological University of the Shannon and Project Lead, SynthSCS Project
	Dr Sharon Mallon, Senior Lecturer (Mental Health), The Open University
	Vicky Groves, Chair of Heads of University Counselling Services (HUCS) and Student Counselling Manager, Cardiff University
15:50	Keynote (20 mins + 10 Q&A)
	Chair: Dr Dominique Thompson, MWBHE Expert Group
	Mike Palmer, 3 Dads Walking
16:20	Closing remarks (10 mins)
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