

Applied Leadership Symposium 2026			
09:00 - 09:30	Registration	30 mins	
09:30 - 09:35	Welcome and Introduction	5 mins	
<b>Fiona Lennoxsmith, Head of Leadership and Governance, Advance HE</b>			
Keynote Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith			
09:35 - 10:05	In Conversation: Leading in an AI Driven world Binoyia Salim, CEO at Wellington Education Julia Marsh, Senior Associate Dean, Innovation and Transformation, London Business School	30 mins	
10:05 - 10:10	Transition period	5 mins	
Parallel Session 1 - Workshops			
10:10 - 11:10	Zoom 1 Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith 1.1a Workshop	Zoom 2 Chair: Ireen Litvak-Zur 1.2a Workshop	
	From Silos to Superheroes: Practical coalition building Zak Liddell, Leigh Kilpert, University College London	Prometheus and the Fire of AI: Leading in the Grey Zone of Digital Transformation Seraphina Robinson, The Third Voice	
	1.1b Oral Presentation Reshaping the MBCHB HIV Curriculum: A Collaborative Project between Students and Staff at Edinburgh Medical School Matthew Pirie, Eva Morrison, University of Edinburgh	1.2b Oral Presentation Leading for the Future: Developing Future-Ready Leadership in Higher Education amidst Digital Transformation and AI Integration Inga Otari, Regent College London	
11:10 - 11:30	Break	20 mins	
Parallel Session 2 - Workshops			
11:30 - 12:10	Zoom 1 Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith 2.1 Workshop	Zoom 2 Chair: Ireen Litvak-Zur	
	Leading With Purpose: Values and Practice in a Changing Higher Education Context Rabeya Khatoun, Jo Rose, University of Bristol	Promoting Women in Higher Education and the Transformative Potential In 'Feminising' Leadership Strategies Anne-Marie Glover, Emma Foster, University of Birmingham	
12:10 - 12:55	Lunch	45 mins	
Parallel Session 3 - Workshops			
12:55 - 13:35	Zoom 1 Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith 3.1 Workshop	Zoom 2 Chair: Ireen Litvak-Zur 3.2 Workshop	
	A Complex Systems Leadership Lens on Transformational Change: Challenging the Status Quo in Higher Education Sarah Wilson-Medhurst, Nikita Hari, University of Oxford	Leading with Responsible AI: Inclusive Strategies for Full-Time and Flexible modes of Study in Higher Education in Oman Ahmad Hosseini, Global College of Engineering and Technology	
13:35 - 13:40	Transition period	5 mins	
Parallel Session 4 - Oral Presentations			
13:40 - 14:20	Zoom 1 Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith 4.2a Oral Presentation		
	Leadership Without a Map: Decision-Making Amid Risk Christopher Lewis, Jon Lees, Buckinghamshire New University		
	4.2b Oral Presentation Amplifying Education Innovation Through Distributed Leadership: The Innovation Scholar Scheme as an Applied Model for Systemic Change Mair Bull, Fiona Saunders, Manchester Metropolitan University		
14:20 - 14:30	Break	10 mins	
Parallel Session 5 - Oral Presentations			
14:30 - 15:30	Zoom 1 Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith 5.1a Oral Presentation	Zoom 2 Chair: Ireen Litvak-Zur 5.2a	Zoom 3 Chair: Bajjit Birring 5.3a
	Courageous Collaboration: Developing Leaders in Higher Education Melissa Holt-Brewster, Lisa Knight, Greg Thompson, Kerry Robinson, Kevin Flinn, Liverpool John Moores University	Strengthening normative leadership in higher education David Beech, University of Salford	A Global Majority Gaze: Whiteness in Leadership Lace Jackson, The Open University
	5.1b Oral Presentation	5.2b	5.3b
	Professional Services Excellence Network - Nurturing Leadership Horizontally Adele Browne, Linda Sherwin, University of Warwick	Leading in the grey zone: What Ofsted inspections of degree apprenticeships reveal about higher education leadership Brian Culleton, University of Huddersfield	Building Engagement: Applied Leadership in Student Teams John Speakman, Kalina Nenova, Falmouth University
	5.1c Oral Presentation	5.2c	5.3c
	Co-Agency in Practice: Distributed Leadership for Belonging and Transformation Minal Shingadia, Jen Maynard, BPP University	Leading Service Excellence by Design: applied leadership for digital education in challenging times Phil Vincent, University of Leeds	Still, I Rise: A Mixed-Race Woman's Journey to Academic Senior Leadership in UK Higher Education Dezita Taylor, Birmingham City University
15:30 - 15:35	Transition period	5 mins	
Parallel Session 6 - Thunderbolts and Lightning talks			
15:35 - 15:55	Zoom 1 Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith 6.1a Lightning talk	Zoom 2 Chair: Ireen Litvak-Zur 6.2a Thunderbolt	
	Motivational Interviewing for Leadership Madeleine Nicholson, Wrexham University	The Problem Isn't the Standard. It's the Leadership and the Culture Dorothy Kanya, The Aga Khan University, Nairobi	
	6.1b Lightning talk Applying Behavioural Science to Improve Collaborative Research Leadership and Management in UK Higher Education Lucy Dang, Emma Francis, University College London	6.2b Thunderbolt Lifelong Learning Entitlement: Entitling Change or Repeating Old Mistakes? Harriet Dunbar-Morris, University of Oxford	
	6.1c Lightning talks Becoming Unstoppable: Purpose-Driven Leadership for a Future Transformed by AI Patrick Mork, Patrick Mork LLC	6.2c Additional Discussion Time	
15:55 - 16:20	Keynote session Chair: Fiona Lennoxsmith	Leading Universities as Human Communities Professor Damien Page, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, Buckinghamshire New University	
16:20 - 16:25	Closing Comments and Reflections	Fiona Lennoxsmith, Head of Leadership and Governance, Advance HE	