

Higher Education Policy in 2018

110 Rochester Row, Victoria, London | Wednesday, 6th December 2017

11.00 Chair's Introduction

⇒ **Diana Beech**, Director of Policy & Advocacy, HEPI

11.05 Government Priorities for HE

- The Government's priorities & vision for HE
 - A "major review of university funding & student financing"
 - Freezing fees & what it means for finances & the future of TEF
 - The role/importance of HE in Brexit negotiations
- ⇒ **Roberta Blackman-Woods**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary University Group
- ⇒ **Gerard Dominguez Reig**, Senior Researcher, Education Policy Institute

12.05 Implementing *The Higher Education & Research Act*

- Implementing *Higher Education & Research Act* measures in the short & medium term
 - Establishing the Office for Students & a new regulatory framework
 - Making TEF mandatory
 - Government plans to encourage new entrants into the sector
 - The wider role of the Act in preparing foundations for the future
- ⇒ **William Hammonds**, Programme Manager, Policy Group, Universities UK
- ⇒ **Alexander Proudfoot**, Chief Executive, Independent HE
- ⇒ **Smita Jamdar**, Partner & Head of Education, Shakespeare Martineau

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 The Sector's Response to Reform

- How HEIs are responding to reforms
 - Identifying the opportunities & risks
 - Working with students & staff to help them understand change
 - Preparing for Brexit: what, if anything, can be done?
- ⇒ **Gordon McKenzie**, CEO, GuildHE
- ⇒ **Jane Forster**, Vice-Chancellor's Policy Adviser, Bournemouth University
- ⇒ **Aaron Porter**, Associate Director Governance, Leadership Foundation for HE

15.30 Event Close

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