

# AHUA Spring 2025 - Conference Programme

Main conference venue - Swansea University

Time	Event	Speaker (s)
<b>Monday 14th April 2025</b>		
10:45 - 12:45	<b>Shuttle from Swansea Station to Conference</b> The shuttle will run on a continuous loop, with the last departure being approx. 12:30	
11:00 - 17:00	<b>Conference Registration and Enquiry Desk Open</b> The Great Hall Foyer	
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Registration and Networking</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium	
11:15	<b>Campus Tour</b>	
12:00 - 12:45	<b>Lunch and Networking</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Lunch kindly sponsored by Halpin</i>	
12:45 - 13:00	<b>Welcome to the Conference</b> The Great Hall 049	
13:00 - 14:15	<b>Plenary 1: Four Strategic Questions UK Universities Must Ask of Themselves</b> The Great Hall 049	Khadish Franklin, Managing Director, Research Advisory Services, EAB
14:20 - 15:20 - Workshop Block A	<b>WA1: What Can University Governance Learn From Beyond Our Sector?</b>	Seamus Gillen, Founder Director, Value Alpha
	<b>WA2: How Technology Can Support Universities to Foster And Maintain Innovation In A Downturn</b>	Ian Anderson, Principal Business Enterprise Architect, Ellucian Matt Searles, Vice President - Europe & Asia Pacific, Ellucian
	<b>WA3: Working effectively under pressure: begin by mastering your mind</b>	Kim Newton-Woof, Facilitator & Coach, AHUA Associate
	<b>WA4: The Art of Alignment. Unlocking opportunities through cross-portfolio collaboration</b>	Simon Lancaster, Principal, Nous Group Abby Nduva, Director, Nous Group
15:20 - 15:40	<b>Refreshments and Networking</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Refreshments kindly sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP</i>	
15:45 - 16:45	<b>Plenary 2: How Universities can support social and economic development: perspectives from Wales</b> The Great Hall 049	Professor Paul Boyle, Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University
		Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary of Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government
		James Owen, Chief Operating Officer, Medr (Commission for Tertiary Education and Research)

		Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council
19:00 - 19:45	<b>Conference Dinner Drinks Reception</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Kindly sponsored by Pinsent Masons</i>	
20:00 - 21:30	<b>Conference Dinner</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Kindly sponsored by EAB</i>	
22:00 - 00:00	<b>Late Bar</b> The Great Hall Gallery	

## Tuesday 15th April 2025

08:30 - 17:00	<b>Conference Registration and Enquiry Desk Open</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium	
09:15 - 10:15	<b>Plenary 3: Using Financial Pressure As A Catalyst For Strategic Change And Growth</b> The Great Hall 049	Mr Esa Hamalainen, Director of Administration, University of Helsinki
10:20 - 11:30 - Workshop Block B	WB1: The Legal Context Now And Beyond	Joanna Forbes, Legal Director, Shakespeare Martineau Smita Jamdar, Partner & Head of Education, Shakespeare Martineau Mark Taylor, Partner, Shakespeare Martineau
	WB2: Transformation and efficiency: what's the role of collaboration	Dr Steph Harris, Director of Strategy, Insight and Member Engagement, Universities UK
	WB3: Leading Change and Enabling Transition	Andrew Scott, Andrew Scott Coaching & Consultancy
	WB4: Working With Students & SU's To Reduce Risk & Enhance Experience	Jim Dickinson, Associate Editor (SUs), Wonkhe
		Gary Hughes, CEO, Durham SU Katie Jackson, Faculty of Humanities' Executive Officer, Manchester Students' Union
	WB5: The Canadian university landscape; An international story without international students	Nathalie Laporte, Executive Director, Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO)
11:30 - 11:55	<b>Refreshments and Networking</b> The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Refreshments kindly sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP</i>	

12:00 - 12:50	Conference Business and AGM The Great Hall 049	
12:50 - 13:40	Lunch and Networking The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Lunch kindly sponsored by Halpin</i>	
13:45 - 15:00 - Workshop Block C	WC1: Governing and Leading – Is our performance oversight supporting and informing decision making?	Kim Ansell, Senior Consultant Governance and Leadership, Advance HE
		Dr Colette Fletcher, Head of Governance and Consulting, Advance HE
		Helen Watson, Chief Operating Officer, City St George's, University of London
	WC2: Unlocking the power of data – shaping the future of HE sector data	Heidi Fraser-Krauss, Chief Executive, Jisc
		Rob Phillpotts, Chief Data Officer, Jisc
	WC3: I wish I knew then what I know now	Dr Paul Greatrix, Experienced Higher Education professional, blogger and commentator (and former Registrar at the University of Nottingham)
		Lee Sanders, Registrar and Secretary and Chief Operating Officer, University of Birmingham
	WC4: A difficult conversation and practical action: research into career barriers and enablers for ethnically minoritised senior professional services roles	Dr Louise Oldridge, Senior Lecturer, Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University
Dr Jessey Pswarayi, Senior Lecturer, Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University		
15:00 - 15:25	Refreshments and Networking The Sir Stanley Clarke Auditorium  <i>Refreshments kindly sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP</i>	
15:30 - 16:30	What does it mean and where do we go next? Conference conclusions and take-aways The Great Hall 049	Heidi Fraser-Krauss, Chief Executive, Jisc
		Smita Jamdar, Partner & Head of Education, Shakespeare Martineau
		Niamh Lamond, Conference Host and Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, Swansea University

		Nicola Owen, AHUA Chair and Deputy Chief Executive (Operations), Lancaster University
16:45	Transfers to Swansea Station	