



AHUA Autumn Conference 2018

[Radcliffe Conference Centre](#), University of Warwick

Programme

Thursday 13th September 2018 (optional)

- 19.30 Drinks Reception, Radcliffe Lounge
- 20.00 Informal Dinner, Radcliffe Private Dining Room

Friday 14th September 2018, Space 2

- 08.30 – 09.30 USS Briefing meeting (optional), Space 1.
- 09.15 – 09.30 Registration and networking
- 09.30 – 09.35 Welcome from Lee Sanders, AHUA Chair, and Rachel Sandby-Thomas, Conference Host
- 09.35 – 10.30 **The role of civic universities**
- [Lord Bob Kerslake](#), Chair of Peabody and the Civic University Commission
- Chair: Rachel Sandby-Thomas, Registrar, University of Warwick
- The UPP Foundation, Civic University Commission is a major independent enquiry into the future of the civic university. Lord Kerslake will review the work of the Commission and progress to date.*
- 10.30 – 11.15 **University engagement in Cities of Culture**
- [Chenine Bhatena](#), Creative Director, UK City of Culture 2021
- [Jeannette Strachan](#), Registrar and Secretary, University of Hull
- Chair: David Duncan, Chief Operating Officer, University of Glasgow
- A perspective on how universities contribute towards planning and participation in Cities of Culture, discussing how Coventry's two universities are supporting in the build-up to Coventry becoming the UK City of Culture 2021. Also a retrospective perspective and learnings from the University of Hull's participation and experience during Hull's time as UK City of Culture in 2017.*
- 11.15 – 11.45 Refreshment Break



- 11.45 – 12.30 **Developing the careers of administrative and professional services staff**
- [Professor Kelly Coate](#), Pro Vice-Chancellor of Education and Students, University of Sussex
Chair: Robin Henderson, AHUA Development Consultant
Professor Coate will present the results of her research to better understand the types of leadership skills and cultural gap between traditional academic and 'non-academic' pathways to senior leadership.
- 12.30 – 13.15 *Lunch*
- 13.15 – 14.00 **Perspectives on the legal landscape**
- [Mills & Reeve, Anderson Strathern, Carson McDowell](#)
Chair: Bec Davies, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Aberystwyth University
The AHUA's new national sponsors will give their perspective on the legal landscape for HE in the foreground and on the horizon, including views on the civic university in Scotland, and the state of play in Northern Ireland.
- 14:00 – 15.15 **Conference Business Session**
- Chair: Lee Sanders, Registrar, University of Birmingham
An opportunity to learn more about specific HE policy issues and an update on the Association's activities.
- 15.15 – 15.30 *Refreshment Break*
- 15.30 – 16.30 **Public views of universities and managing reputation**
- [Viki Cooke](#), Vice-Chair of Council at the University of Warwick
[Ben Kernighan](#), Deputy Chief Executive, LEAP Confronting Conflict
Louise Neilan, Head of Communications, Southwark Council
Chair: Marc Reeves, Editor in Chief, Trinity Mirror Midlands
Britain Thinks has been commissioned by Universities UK to undertake a nationwide survey to understand the current standing of universities. Following a notable decline in public trust of the media, civil society and the charitable sector, Viki Cooke, co-Founder of Britain Thinks, will give a preview of the report which will be published by UUK later this year. The panel will discuss the findings and consider whether our universities are still worthy of the public's trust.
- 16.30 Close
- 16.35 Coaches back to Coventry station