

AHUA SPRING CONFERENCE

3 - 5 APRIL 2017

TITANIC BELFAST

1 Olympic Way, Queens Road, Titanic Quarter, Belfast BT3 9EP

PROGRAMME

Monday 3 April 2017

11.30-12.45	Registration and Networking
12.00-12.45	Lunch and networking
12.45-13.00	Welcome from Chair of AHUA, Conference Host

Session 1

Chaired by Eamon Mullan

13.00-13.45

Keynote speaker:
Professor Cathy Gormley-Heenan, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Impact at Ulster University
What are universities for? Universities' role in civic society

Session 2

13.45-14.45

Sponsor Sessions

1. Mills & Reeve
A fit for purpose workforce – towards effective solutions

2. Pinsent Masons
Brexit: how universities can adopt new structures to mitigate the impact of the UK's vote to leave the EU

14.45-15.15

Refreshment break

Session 3

Chaired by Lee Sanders

15.15 -16.00

Chris Hale, Director of Policy, UUK
Taking stock: the higher education policy environment and the 'new normal'

Session 4

16.00-17.00

Workshop sessions

1. *Topical issues in governance and beyond 2020*
Andy Shenstone, Leadership Foundation for Higher Education

2. *Regional Collaboration and Devolution*
Bec Davies and Gerry Webber

3. *Developing HE leaders in a VUCA world*
Rachel Holmes

17.00	Coach transfer to Europa Hotel, Belfast
19.00	Assemble in hotel foyer for coach transfer to Parliament Buildings (Stormont)
19.30 – 20.15	Drinks Reception
20.15	Dinner
22.15	Coach transfer to Europa Hotel, Belfast

Tuesday 4 April 2017

Session 5

Chaired by Nicola Owen

09.30 – 10.15

Professor Neil Gibson, Director, Ulster University Policy Centre

An economic landscape of profound change – what might it mean for the HE sector?

Session 6

10.15 – 11.15

Sponsor Sessions

1. Shakespeare Martineau

Obtaining best value from your supply chain in a cold climate

2. Unite Students

The retention challenge: an accommodation response

11.15 - 11.35

Refreshment break

Session 7

11.35 – 12.35

AHUA Conference Business Session

12.35 – 13.20

Lunch

Session 8

13.20 – 14.05

Lynn Scarff, Director, Science Gallery, Dublin

Thinking Outside In: Key strategies for greater public engagement within the HE sector

Session 9

14.05 – 15.05

Workshop sessions

1. A PVC View on Managing Teaching Excellence
Professor Paul Bartholomew, PVC Education, Ulster University

2. Regional Collaboration and Devolution
Bec Davies, Aberystwyth University and Gerry Webber,
Edinburgh Napier University

3. Developing HE leaders in a VUCA world
Rachel Holmes, AHUA Associate

Session 10

Chaired by Chris Cobb

15.05 – 16.05

Esa Hämäläinen, Director of Administration, University of Helsinki

Autonomy Revisited: Trends in Higher Education in EU

16.05 – 16.40

Panel discussion: Lynn Scarff, Neil Gibson, Niamh Lamond

16.40

Coach transfer to Ulster University Belfast Campus and tour

18.10

Coach transfer to Europa Hotel, Belfast

19.20

Assemble in hotel foyer for coach transfer to Belfast City Hall

19.30

Drinks Reception at Belfast City Hall

20.15

Gala Dinner at Belfast City Hall

Speaker: Suzanne Wylie, CE, Belfast City Council

23.00

Coach transfer to Europa Hotel, Belfast

Wednesday 5 April 2016

Breakfast and depart

28/03/2017