

Programme

Research England Engagement Forum, Birmingham

20 February 2019

- 10:30 – 10:45** **Welcome**
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Plenary: The policy context for universities in 2019**
Presented by David Sweeney, Executive Chair of Research England
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Q&A with David Sweeney**
- 11:30 – 11:45** **Break**
- 11:45 – 12:00** **Plenary: Universities delivering for the economy**
Presented by Joe Marshall, Chief Executive of the National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB)
- 12:00 – 12:45** **Panel discussion**
- How do universities achieve a meaningful interface between research and knowledge exchange?
 - Research commercialisation: what are the barriers and incentives?
 - Working with SMEs – how can we evidence and value this?
- Chaired by Ben Johnson, Associate Director of Insight and Engagement
Panel members: Alice Frost, Director of Knowledge Exchange at Research England, Dean Cook, Head of Regional Engagement at Innovate UK and Joe Marshall
- 12:45 – 1:45** **Lunch**
- 1:45 – 3:15** **Facilitated discussions**
- i) The Place agenda
- How do universities interact with their immediate communities?
 - The role of universities in regional and city regeneration
 - Getting the most from regional and local clusters via Strength In Places
- Facilitated by Rachel Tyrrell, Associate Director of Knowledge Exchange at Research England, with contributions from Dean Cook of Innovate UK and Kevin Richardson, Local Growth Consultant at Research England
- ii) The Global agenda
- The wider role of universities to further human knowledge and identify solutions to global problems
 - Forming and nurturing equitable partnerships for research to address global challenges
 - Global Challenges Research Fund – with examples of good practice from the sector
- Facilitated by Steven Hill, Director of Research at Research England with contributions from Vivienne Stern, Director of Universities UK International (UUKi); Jeremy Phillips, Reader in Physical Volcanology at the University of Bristol; David Prior, Director of Research at Falmouth University; and Paula Eves, Research Development & Operations Manager at the University of Lincoln
- 3:15 – 3:30** **Break**
- 3:30 – 4:00** **UKRI EU exit update including Q&A**
Led by Fiona Armstrong, Deputy Director of Community Engagement at UKRI and Gavin Salisbury, Head of European Funding Policy at UKRI
- 4:00** **Close**