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FEES, FUNDING AND THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION



3RD JULY, LONDON

Date Tuesday 3rd July 2018

Time 10:15 - 17:00
Followed by the Wonkhe summer garden party

Venue Royal College of Physicians
11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

10:15 *Registration*

10:45 **Setting the scene: mythbusting from Team Wonkhe**

Why should we be worried about fees, funding and the future for higher education? Team Wonkhe sifts through the policy and politics to find the signal in the noise.

11:10 What's the relationship between fees and the national finances? Why should (and shouldn't) fees be linked to salary outcomes? What can the rest of the UK learn from the Diamond Review in Wales? Hear from the experts on the detail of fees, funding and fairness.

- **Anna Vignoles**, Professor of Education, University of Cambridge
- **Andrew McGettigan**, HE funding expert and author of "The Great University Gamble: money, markets and the future of higher education"
- **Gavan Conlon** and **Maïke Halterbeck**, London Economics

Presentations followed by panel discussion

12:45 *Lunch*

13:30 **The politics of the post-18 review**

With the post-18 funding review dominating discussion about the future of fees in England, find out from the panel's chair about the focus of the inquiry

Philip Augar, chair of the post-18 review panel, in conversation with Wonkhe's Editor, **Mark Leach**

14:15 **Panel: Value for money – who cares and how should we talk about it?**

VfM is the subject of the day – and one of OfS's key objectives – but what does it mean? Why and how should we conceive of value for students, taxpayers, institutions, employers?

- **Helen Carasso**, co-author of "Everything for Sale? The Marketisation of UK Higher Education", University of Oxford
- **Linda Drew**, Director and CEO, Ravensbourne
- **Sally McGill**, CFO, Durham University and Chair, BUFDG

Chair: **Ant Bagshaw**, Deputy CEO, Wonkhe

15:00 *Break*

15:30 **Panel: The costs of being a student**

The debate can't just focus on fees. What role does affordability for students play in the debate on university financing?

- **Liz Bromley**, CEO, University Alliance
- **David Malcolm**, Head of Policy and Campaigns, National Union of Students
- **Julie Tam**, Deputy Director of Policy, Universities UK

Chair: **Rachael Firth**, Chief Operating Officer, Wonkhe

16:15 **Panel: What's next? How can institutions – and higher education as a whole – plan for a less certain future of funding?**

Talk is cheap: what are the actions that could (or should) be taken in relation to fees and funding?

- **Charles Heymann**, communications and reputation advisor
- **Alison Jones**, Director of Planning, Legal and Governance, University of Bradford and Chair, HESPA
- **Ian Robinson**, Director, Public Sector and Education, HSBC

Chair: **Louis Coiffait**, Associate Editor, Wonkhe

17:00 Close

The conference will be followed by Wonkhe's summer garden party, sponsored by Online Education Services. All delegates are invited to join the festivities.

Tickets: <https://wonkhe.com/events/proceed-with-caution-fees-funding-and-the-future-of-higher-education/>

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