

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016
University of Chester
Thursday 7th April – Friday 8th April 2016

The Foresight Saga: HE for future generations



We all know that change is really the only constant, but how we understand and equip ourselves to meet that change helps to determine how well we, and our institutions, manage it. Once again, there are external challenges and pressures coming from a number of different areas and the 2016 AMHEC Conference seeks to examine some of those – whether it's the Green Paper, the PREVENT Agenda, or the challenges of teacher education. We will also explore how we can build resilience and reassurance through our leadership capacity and capabilities. We want colleagues to return to their institutions better informed and with increased confidence that as individuals, institutions, and an Association we can meet the challenges of the unfolding change agenda as we continue to deliver outstanding, rewarding and fulfilling HE experiences for future generations.

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AFTER DINNER SPEAKER

Canon Professor Tim Wheeler, DL
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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2016

10.00 am	Registration and arrival refreshments
10.50 am	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Dr Sam Johnson, Head of Strategic Planning, Policy & Performance, University of Cumbria and AMHEC Chair</p>
11.00 am	<p>Session 1: KEY NOTE: Creating our Future from the Challenges of Today</p> <p><i>Professor Rama Thirunamachandran, Vice Chancellor of Canterbury Christ Church University</i></p>
11.50 am	<p>Session 2: From Hindsight to Foresight: The Turbulent Future</p> <p><i>Professor Peter Strike, Vice Chancellor of University of Cumbria</i></p>
12.40 pm	Question & Answer Session
1.00 pm	LUNCH
2.00 pm	<p>Session 3: Workforce Resilience – Strength Despite Adversity!</p> <p><i>Karen Cregan, Assistant Director HRMPS, Specialist Services, University of Chester</i></p>
2.40 pm	<p>Session 4: Student Employability: the Franchise Model</p> <p><i>Sam Taylor, UniTemps Branch Manager, Canterbury Christ Church University</i></p>
3.30 pm	Question and Answer Session
3.45 pm	TEA/COFFEE
4.00 pm	<p>Session 5: The Higher Education Prevent Duty</p> <p><i>Nigel Lund, Prevent, North West Regional Co-ordinator</i></p>
4.40 pm	Question and Answers
5.00 pm	Close
7.00 pm	Evening Reception (<i>sponsored by Eversheds</i>)
7.30 pm	Dinner and Bar (<i>Dress code: smart/casual</i>)

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2016

8.00 am	Breakfast
9.15 am	Annual General Meeting
9.45 am	Session 6: High Impact Authentic Footprint <i>Sonia Bate, Managing Director, Edit Development</i>
10.45 am	Tea/Coffee
11.00 am	Session 7: The Financial Health of the Sector (HEFCE Report) <i>Andy Beazer, Assurance Consultant, HEFCE</i>
11.30 am	Session 8: Education Excellence Everywhere and what this means for Initial Teacher Training <i>Greg Burke, Deputy Director: Performance and Analysis Division, NCTL</i>
12.00 noon	Question and Answer Session
12.15 pm	Session 9: Plenary: The Political Landscape for the Higher Education Sector <i>Gordon McKenzie: Chief Executive Officer, GuildHE</i>
12.45 pm	Question and Answer Session
1.00 pm	Lunch & Departure

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