

# The Future of Partnerships

12 & 13 September 2019

| Day 1 – Thursday 12 September          |  |   |
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| <b>12.00 – 13.15</b>                   |  |   |
| <b>Arrival, registration and lunch</b> |  |   |
| 13.15 – 14.00                          | Gordon McKenzie, Chief Executive, GuildHE  | <b>Post-18 education and funding: policy, politics and partnership</b><br>An overview of the post-18 policy landscape following the Augar review with an assessment of how the current UK political situation impacts on the options and a possible timeline for any change and the implications for partnerships, particularly between HE and FE.  |
| 14.00 - 14.45                          | Professor Nick Petford, Vice Chancellor, University of Northampton                 | <b>Developing Strategic Partnerships: Why, Where and How?</b>   |
| 14.45- 15.30                           | Smita Jamdar, Head of Education, Shakespeare Martineau                             | <b>Through a glass darkly: thoughts on preparing for Brexit and beyond</b><br><br>This session will look at the short, medium and longer terms legal, governance and wider challenges universities are likely to face following the UK's exit from the EU and explore how universities should respond to them.  |
| <b>Refreshment break</b>               |  |   |
| 15.50 - 16.35                          | Douglas Blackstock, Chief Executive, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education | <b>Meeting the needs of a rapidly changing sector: a quality perspective</b><br><br>The higher education policy landscape has seen rapid change in recent years, with increasingly divergent approaches across the UK's four jurisdictions. QAA's chief executive Douglas Blackstock will offer his perspective on what the changes mean for partnerships in the sector, and how a quality-focused approach will maintain and boost UK HE's world class reputation. |
| 16.35- 17.20                           | David Kernohan, Associate Editor, WonkHE   | <b>Validation in 2019 - a wonk's eye view</b>   |
| 17.20 - 18.05                          | Lord Michael Bichard, Member of the House of Lords                                 |   |
| <b>Session end</b>                     |  |   |
| <b>19.00 – 22.00</b>                   |  |   |
| <b>AGM and Dinner</b>                  |  |   |

