

Summit 2020

Building on our strengths and serving our communities through crisis and beyond.



University Alliance

2nd - 3rd June

Registering for sessions- guide for delegates

This event will bring together colleagues from across the Alliance to hear from external speakers and discuss how, as professional and technical universities, we are learning from and responding to the challenges posed by COVID-19, and how we can continue our ambitions to serve our communities in an uncertain future.

Attendees will have the opportunity to access a range of content over the two days, in a combination of live-streamed or pre-recorded short talks, or interactive workshop sessions, led by external speakers.

→ **Keynote or open sessions** will be live-streamed in webinar format, and you can register in advance or just use the link in the programme to join on the day. Attendees are encouraged to 'drop in' to as many of these sessions as you would like.

→ For **workshops** you will need to register in advance and there will be limits on numbers able to attend. Please only register for a session if you intend to join, and cancel your space if you are no longer able to make it. Links to register are included alongside the session guide.

We have set up a dedicated [website page](#) for the Summit, where all the information and links to the sessions will be available and updated throughout the event.

Any questions, please contact Summit@unialliance.ac.uk.

Colour code:

Keynote or open session

Workshop

Social activity

Closed session



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Tuesday 2 June 2020**11:00-14:00 Members meeting**

Closed meeting for Vice Chancellors

14:30-15:00 Opening plenary with messages from University Alliance CEO Vanessa Wilson and the Westminster Universities Minister Michelle Donelan

Join University Alliance CEO Vanessa Wilson for a pre-recorded welcome speech, and a chance to look-back on the work of University Alliance over 2019-20.

The event will also be opened with a pre-recorded message for delegates from the Westminster Universities Minister, Michelle Donelan.

Please take the time to watch and hear from both the Universities Minister and University Alliance CEO Vanessa Wilson ahead of the event starting.

The videos will be available to view on the Summit [website page](#), on the day.

**15:00-16:00 Keynote 'In conversation with' Lord O'Donnell**

Lord O'Donnell worked at the heart of the UK government during the 2008 recession and has since advised international governments and the World Bank on economic policy. But it's Lord O'Donnell's lessons on wellbeing and happiness movements, having established the What Works Centre on Wellbeing, that we could learn the most from as we look to navigate a period of significant economic uncertainty post Covid-19. During this session, participants will have the chance to hear from Lord O'Donnell on his advice for the years ahead, and why we should be centering people and communities in strategic change, policy and decision making in times of crisis.



Please send any questions for Lord O'Donnell to Summit@unialliance.ac.uk

Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TmITkMONQ-eERckllj4Bw

17:00-18:00 Big UA Quiz

We will be wrapping up the first day of this year's virtual summit by inviting all those who wish to attend to join us as we host the first ever Big UA Quiz!

Rounds will vary from pictures to fun facts about our members! Please grab yourselves a refreshment and play along with us as we test your knowledge on your industry!

Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoceipqzkrH9QAKOyp0XEdCLLQUjFnTKFr>

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Wednesday 3 June 2020**09:00-10:15 Nous workshop on navigating strategic change**

In this session for Vice-Chancellors and designated senior university leaders, we will be thinking about how bold strategic thinking now can pave the way for tomorrow's success. We'll push you to think beyond the 2020/21 academic cycle, to reconsider the assumptions that underpin our universities' models and consider what the five and ten-year horizons might look like.

Chaired by Simon Lancaster, Nous' UK team leader, the session will include expert speakers Professor Iain Martin (Vice-Chancellor of Deakin University and former Vice-Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin) and Sophie O'Connor, Nous Principal and international higher education specialist.

This session is for Vice-Chancellors and designated senior university leaders. Due to the nature of the session, space is unfortunately limited, please contact Summit@unialliance.ac.uk with your name, job title and email address to register for this session.

**10:30-11.30 Keynote 'In conversation with' Emma Hardy MP**

Regional and anchor institutions will have a vital role to play if we are to mitigate the long term social and economic impacts of this crisis. Join the Shadow Universities Minister, Emma Hardy, for a discussion on how Alliance universities can support a social, cultural and economic recovery, and what changes may be needed to realise these ambitions.

Please send any questions for Emma Hardy to Summit@unialliance.ac.uk

Join here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uMYjT1PPR2CiFAbiHgn_Ug

**12:00-13:15 Wellcome workshop on researcher culture**

Join to hear the latest from Wellcome's Reimagine Research initiative, which seeks to promote a more creative, inclusive and honest research culture. Part of the session will include a chance for you to reflect on the initiative's findings, and feed you own ideas for change back to Wellcome via their virtual Café Culture kits. In advance of the session, [check out the kit here](#).

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcemqrzkqG92Vnb2Ea-bODriQkcW247l->

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14:00-15:00 Public First workshop on political influencing

More information to follow.

Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcu6vqz0oG9RuN7Q - HCANwzgfllJ3Y0w](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcu6vqz0oG9RuN7Q-HCANwzgfllJ3Y0w)

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15:30-16:30 Student Minds workshop on student mental health and wellbeing.

During this session participants will hear from Student Minds on their research into the impact of the pandemic on student and staff mental health, and have a chance to discuss how members can support the mental health and wellbeing of their communities in a Covid19 context.

Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAuce-sqDqvEt3w89pdJQUsPYdtQ-NcFG8r>

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**17:00-17:30 Closing plenary and University Alliance awards show**

Join us online for our final session of the Summit, where University Alliance chair Professor Debra Humphris will close the conference and announce the winners of the University Alliance awards.

Join online:

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