



## **Advance HE – Upcoming Governance Events**

### **Rethinking Governance – online programme**

11 November 2019, online

Rethinking Governance is an online programme run over five weeks and is led by tutors from the University of York. The course allows participants to improve their understanding of the context of HE and explore some of the key issues demanding the attention of senior leaders and Governors.

Access to the course materials and additional resources is via a virtual learning environment and a series of discussion fora enables participants to engage and exchange with peers in order to examine and discuss key issues.

Rethinking Governance will help you to develop knowledge and understanding and enable you to operate more effectively in a governance role.

Find out more > <http://bit.ly/2ogEr3T>

### **Role and Responsibilities of Staff Governors**

26 November 2019, London

This interactive one-day event will consider the role of Staff Governors and how they can best make an effective contribution to the work of the governing body.

The day will be of interest to new and continuing Staff Governors as well as those considering becoming a Staff Governor.

The event will be led by Aaron Porter, Associate Director Governance, Advance HE, along with only contributors including Roger Gair, University Secretary, University of Leeds who will be speaking on “Understanding HE governance and decision making”.

Alison Wheaton, Associate, Advance HE and PhD Research on University Governance, UCL Institute of Education, will be speaking on the “Composition of HE boards”.

Dawn Turpin, Associate, Advance HE and former Head of Governance, Open University, will be speaking on the relevant and challenging subject of “When governance goes wrong”.

There will also be table discussion and a Staff governor panel which includes Dominic Laffy, Staff Governor and Principal Lecturer, Regent’s University London, Matthias Feist, Member of the Board of Trustees and Employability Student Enterprise Manager, Regent’s University and Sarah Cows, Staff Governor and Director of Student and Academic Services, Queen Mary University of London.

Find out more > <http://bit.ly/2mGtsR6>



## **Governance Conference - Professionalising Governance in Higher Education**

28 November 2019, London

The conference will examine the challenges and solutions for professionalising HE governance, embedding diversity into governance, debate the crucial issue of board room culture and draw upon experiences and insights both from other sectors and nations.

With a mix of plenary, workshop and panel sessions the conference will look beyond the sector, addressing practice, developments and insights and exploring whether and how these can be adopted in HE.

Delegates will hear from senior leaders who are at the forefront of challenging and changing practice including David Isaac, Chair, University of the Arts London and Chair, Equality and Human Rights Commission and Charlotte Valeur, Chair, Institute of Directors.

The conference will cover the following themes:

- Embedding diversity into the governance of UK higher education; exploring solutions, ideas and experiences from within and beyond HE
- Boardroom behaviour, the challenge of establishing and sustaining a productive and constructive boardroom culture
- Lessons from other shores; insights and ideas from HE in other nations
- Change as a constant – including progress on the revised CUC code
- Taking stock of the Office for Students - 18 months young. Implications and next steps for institutions
- Promoting and securing the student interest

Find out more > <http://bit.ly/2M7QCtu>

## **Governance Professionals in HE Programme**

4 December 2019

This programme consists of three modules and two action learning sets held over 5 months and is designed for Clerks, Secretaries and members of professional service teams who may support the operation of academic or corporate governance.

The programme, which consists of three one-day sessions and two additional action learning sets, provides a unique and vital opportunity for HE institutions to advance the knowledge and insights of those in roles focused on governance and to build useful and long standing professional networks of benefit at an individual and institutional level.

The Governance Professionals in HE programme is facilitated by Aaron Porter, Associate Director (Governance), Advance HE and Mary Joyce, Director of Leading Minds Consulting.

In his role with Advance HE Aaron leads on engagement with governing bodies and governance across the UK, including leading reviews of board effectiveness. He has worked with over 75 universities both in the UK and overseas, as well as projects for national governments focused on higher education.



Mary is a leadership and governance consultant, executive coach and director of Leading Minds Consulting. She has over 15 years' experience of leading strategic change at board level in the education and health sectors, and has developed national programmes for CEOs and non-executive directors in leadership development, and the dynamics of boardroom behaviour for good governance and corporate leadership.

Find out more > <http://bit.ly/2mGK1MM>

**Talking Points: Internationalisation - risks, opportunities and considerations for governors**

10 December 2019, 16:00 – 18:30, London

Advance HE is delighted to announce our first-ever Governance Talking Points event will be on: Internationalisation - risks, opportunities and considerations for governors.

Taking place on Tuesday 10 December 2019 the event will be based around the contemporary considerations on internationalisation for governing bodies and will be led by global higher education specialist Vincenzo Raimo and Aaron Porter, Associate Director Governance, Advance HE.

Vincenzo will give a keynote speech before attendees break out into smaller table discussions. Governors will have the opportunity to share the approach of their governing body to internationalisation and consider the strengths and weaknesses of other approaches during the discussions. The event will close with a short summary of the main discussion points of the evening.

Find out more > <http://bit.ly/2ocnlii>