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# The UK and international students

Strengths, challenges and opportunities

## **A UKCISA REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

DoubleTree by Hilton Bristol City Centre, Bristol  
Thursday 4 December 2014

**UKCISA**

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## Strengths, challenges and opportunities

This one day UKCISA conference is the second in a series of interactive regional events throughout the country which aims to bring together all those with interests in international students (staff in recruitment, welfare, compliance, registry, academic support, policy and planning and from students unions):

- To discuss and debate recent or emerging areas of current government and sector policy and future strategies
- To review all aspects of the international student experience from welcome and support to compliance
- To bring colleagues together locally to build closer networks and
- To feedback on ways in which the UKCISA community can better support international students and staff in the future.

### Registration

Registration is open to all colleagues at member institutions including their students' unions at the nominal cost of **£50 for the first and £25 for additional delegates** from the same institution. It is hoped therefore that 'UKCISA regulars' will take this opportunity to attend and to bring a senior colleague or one who works in some other aspect of international student admin or support, and/or a representative from their students union.

**Two more regional events**, following a similar format will be held in Manchester on 6 February 2015 and London on 2 March 2015 with a report produced at the end of the series with conclusions and recommendations.

**To register for the events go to:**

**<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/regional-conference>**

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### Programme *(as at 28 November 2014)*

10:00 Registration and refreshments

10:30 **Welcome and introductions**

**Julie Allen**, Director Policy and Services, UKCISA

10:45 **The Big Picture: who comes, why and what they experience**

**Dr Shaun Curtis**, Director International Exeter

11:30 **PANEL SESSION 1**

**The UK international student experience – strengths and strategies**

with speakers:

- **Sian Holleran**, International co-ordinator, Colleges Wales
- **Chris Reilly**, European HE Policy Adviser, International Knowledge and Innovation Unit, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS)
- **Dr Tove Oliver**, Senior European and International Manager, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)
- **Sioned Evans**, Head of International Student Recruitment, Gloucestershire University, British Universities International Liaison Association (BUILA)
- **Helen Clews**, Immigration Adviser/Programmes & Projects/Education and Society, British Council

Chair: **Dominic Scott**, Chief Executive UKCISA

12:30 **Open Forum for views and proposals from delegates:**

**How well is the UK performing? What more can and should be done?**

13:00 Networking lunch

14:00 **PANEL SESSION 2**

**International students and the immigration system**

with a range of practitioners:

- **Jessica Randall**, International Manager, City College Plymouth
- **Liz Rees**, Student Services Manager, Bath Spa Global, and Regional Rep, Association for International Student Advisers (AISA)
- **Jim Price**, Immigration Compliance Manager, University of Exeter. Immigration Compliance Network (ICN)
- **Jin Chen**, Phd candidate, University of Bristol

Chair: **Neil Gaskin**, Manager, International Students Advisory Service, Swansea University

15:00 **Working together:**

- Feedback on UKCISA services
- How can UKCISA provide additional services and support?

15:45 Conclusions

16:00 Close

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