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A UKCISA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Manchester

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This one day UKCISA conference is the third 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.

The final regional event, following a similar format, will be held in 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

- 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**
Prof. Nigel Healey, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of College, Business, Law, Nottingham Trent University
- 11:30 **PANEL SESSION 1**
The UK international student experience – strengths and strategies
with speakers:
- **Cath Witherington**, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
 - **Roisin McEvoy**, Head of International Student Experience, Ulster University, British Universities International Liaison Association (BUILA)
 - **Liz Jolly**, Director Library and Information services, Teeside University, Chair The Society of College, National and University Libraries (SCONUL)
 - **Marguerite Hogg**, International Projects Manager, Association of Colleges (AoC)
 - **Marilyn Benjamin**, Counsellor (International Student Support Liaison), University of Birmingham
- 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:
- **Shreya Paudel**, International Students Officer, NUS
 - **Helen McNeely**, Head of Student Affairs, Queen's University Belfast, Executive of The Student Services Organisation, (AMOSSHE)
 - **Dr Richard Melia**, International Student Support and Compliance Manager, University of Central Lancashire, Immigration Compliance Network (ICN)
 - **Martin Binns**, Head of International, Bradford College
 - **Jo Holliday**, International Student Adviser, University of Sheffield Students' Union, Association of International Student Advisers (AISA)
- Chair: **Kate Dodd**, Academic Registrar, University of York, UKCISA Board
- 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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