

A photograph of the Tower Bridge in London, showing its two massive stone towers and the suspension cables. The bridge is partially open, with the lower section raised. In the background, the London skyline is visible, including the Gherkin building. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

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Strengths, challenges and opportunities

A UKCISA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Woburn House, London

Monday 2 March 2015

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This one day UKCISA conference is the last 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.

After this final event UKCISA will follow up with a report 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**
Charlene Allen, University of Southampton Chair, British Universities International Liaison Association (BUILA)
- 11:30 **PANEL SESSION 1**
The UK international student experience – strengths and strategies
with speakers:
- **Brian Johnson**, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
 - **Fabrizio Trifirio**, International Adviser, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)
 - **John Mountford**, Director, Association of Colleges (AoC)
 - **Geraldine Dufour**, Head of Counselling, University of Cambridge, Chair, Heads of University Counselling Services (HUCS)
- 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 from:
- **Mostafa Rajaai**, Culture and Diversity Officer at SU ARTS, NUS International Students Committee
 - **Mike Lu**, Immigration Compliance Manager, Cambridge Education Group, Immigration Compliance Network (ICN)
 - **Sally Saca**, Head of International Student Advice Team, Oxford Brookes University, Association of International Student Advisers (AISA)
 - **Kathryn Jacob Parkes**, EFL/International Curriculum Manager, Barnet and Southgate College
 - **Lizzie Huckle**, Senior International Student Adviser, City University London, and represents Heads of International Advice Services (London and South East).
- Chair: **James Kennedy**, Director International Office, University of Warwick, UKCISA Board
- 15:00 **Working together:**
- Feedback on UKCISA services
 - How can UKCISA provide additional services and support?
- 15:45 **Conclusions from Regional Conferences:**
Professor Paul Webley, Director, SOAS, University of London, and Chair of UKCISA Board of Trustees
- 16:00 Close

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