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## Exploring the Complexities of College Governance

Thursday 23 September 2021

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### Programme

- 0930 **Welcome and Introductions**  
Professor Ron Hill, Professor of Education, University of Stirling
- Ron Hill will welcome delegates and provide a brief introduction to the event.
- 0935 **Brief Overview of the Project and the Conference Themes**  
Professor Cate Watson, Professor of Educational Leadership and Professional Learning, University of Stirling
- Cate Watson will provide a brief overview of the research project and will introduce the research themes that will be discussed in the conference presentations
- Key Tasks for the Governing Board**
- 0945 **Prescriptions and Practices of UK College Governing: Rethinking Strategy and Accountability**  
Professor David James, Professor of Sociology of Education, Cardiff University
- David James will discuss the project findings relating to shifting governance practices of strategizing and accountability.
- 1000 **Practices of Risk Management and the 'tone at the top'**  
Professor Cate Watson, Professor of Educational Leadership and Professional Learning, University of Stirling
- Cate Watson will discuss the project findings relating to risk culture and the enactment of the ethical tone of the governing board and college management.



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1015

**Diversity and Equality in Governing Colleges**

Professor Ann-Marie Bathmaker, Professor of Vocational and Higher Education, University of Birmingham

Ann-Marie Bathmaker will discuss the project findings relating to the construction of diversity and equality discourse in the governing of colleges.

1030

**DISCUSSION GROUPS and Emerging Questions, Including Possible Future Research Questions**

Professor Ron Hill, Professor of Education, University of Stirling

Delegates will be allocated randomly to break-out rooms to discuss the three presentations in smaller groups.

1105

**Break**

**Key Roles for the Governing Board**

1115

**The Chair**

Professor Cate Watson, Professor of Educational Leadership and Professional Learning, University of Stirling

Cate Watson will discuss the role of the chair and how their governance practices contribute to the enactment of the college as an organisation into being.

1125

**The Governance Professional**

Professor Ron Hill, Professor of Education, University of Stirling

Ron Hill will discuss the project findings in relation to the significant contribution made by the governance professional in the governing of colleges.

1135

**The Student Governor**

Dr Aileen Ireland, Research Fellow, University of Stirling

Aileen Ireland will discuss the project findings in relation to how the role of the student governor is understood by governing boards and how it is enacted in practice.

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## Future-gazing

1215 **An Emerging Research Agenda for Institutions, Groups of Institutions, Agencies, and Governmental Departments**

Dr Gary Husband, Lecturer in Professional Education and Leadership, University of Stirling

Gary Husband will present an overview of the project insights and the implications of these for future research in the FE sector.

1230 **Next Steps .... Beyond the ESRC Project**

Dr Gary Husband, Lecturer in Professional Education and Leadership, University of Stirling

Gary Husband will provide a brief overview of the Impact Group activities throughout the project and will invite delegates to continue to develop this forum to further advance the research developed in the project.

1240 **Summing Up**

Professor Ann-Marie Bathmaker, Professor of Vocational and Higher Education, University of Birmingham

1255 **Conclude and Depart**

Professor Ron Hill, Professor of Education, University of Stirling