



GLOBAL
PARTNERSHIPS
CONFERENCE

JOIN US: 23-25 JUNE 2021

Together, stronger.

Join us online as we will explore how we can support and learn from each other in rebuilding the post-pandemic international education sector.

Conference Highlights

Building on the great success of our virtual Global Partnerships Conference 2020, we are pleased to announce our second conference to bring together our valued partners from across the world.

Over the past year, Brexit, the Covid-19 pandemic, looming economic crisis, new social movements, the climate emergency, and the search for racial justice have transformed our institutional and political imperatives. In these turbulent times, internationalism, agility, adaptability, and personal resilience have never been more important. The Covid-19 pandemic has reinforced for all that scientific collaboration is a truly global endeavour and that long-term actions on climate change are possible.

As university leaders – committed to international higher education – we walk the tightrope between building impactful global collaborations and the challenges of the global pandemic. In so doing:

- We choose between status quo and innovation.
- We choose between caution and courage.
- We choose between control and collaboration.
- We choose between transactional and values-based internationalism.

The University of Sussex Global Partnerships Conference is a forum and platform to learn with, and from, our partners. We will explore what is possible in partnerships during and after the pandemic and we ask – what values and attributes do university leaders, educators, and professional service teams require to collaborate in the coming years.

Our sessions blend international strategic discussions, case studies and workshops, to present to and engage with partners on the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to build back better.

We aim to bring together international education professionals from our 329 partners in 59 countries.

WEBINARS

Gain key insights and connect with our speakers during the three webinars.

Send in questions via the chat function and participate in the polls.

WORKSHOPS

Connect directly with peers as we discuss topical issues in international development.

Workshops will include breakout sessions for in-depth discussions.

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PROGRAMME

OPENING PLENARY

Values-based international engagement

**Wednesday 23 June 2021,
13:00 – 13:45 (GMT+1)**

Speakers

Professor Adam Tickell

Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Sussex

Professor Richard Follett

Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor and Associate Vice President (International), University of Sussex

Professor Robin Banerjee

Professor of Developmental Psychology, Dean, School of Psychology, University of Sussex

Adam, in his keynote address, will outline the importance of respectful collaboration and knowledge diplomacy in international education and research partnerships.

Richard will share insights on the University's perspective on values-based international engagement.

Robin will share his reflection on the nature and impact of kindness and wellbeing in different parts of society.

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WORKSHOP

Developing international focus and awareness in staff

**Wednesday 23 June 2021,
14:00 – 15:30 (GMT+1)**

Facilitators

Leina Shi

Head of Global Engagement, University of Sussex

Sirin Myles

International Education Consultant, Co-founder, IC Café

Charlene Allen

International Education Consultant, Co-founder, IC Café

This session will explore what Global Literacy means for academic and professional service staff. Attendees will discuss the benefit of utilising this skill as part of their toolkit for internationalisation and explore how it should be employed to better their institution and how it can support them in their role.

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CHAT WITH US

Drop in for a chat to discuss partnerships with the University of Sussex Global Engagement team.

You will receive instructions on how to do this after you register.

PROGRAMME

WEBINAR

Building back better with shared purpose

**Thursday 24 June 2021,
09:00 – 10:15 (GMT+1)**

This panel will discuss the value of international partnerships post pandemic, examine partnership imperatives that will shape higher education in the future, and how collectively, across the sector, we can work together to deliver impactful and socially-engaged, partnerships.

Speakers

Blair McRae

Deputy Vice Chancellor Engagement, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Professor Madhushree Sekher

Chairperson, Office of International Affairs, Dean of the School of Vocational Education, The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), India

Jennifer Cosgrave

Country Director British Council Netherlands

Maryam Taher

University of Sanctuary

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WORKSHOP

Building a personal resilience strategy

**Thursday 24 June 2021,
14:00 – 15:30 (GMT+1)**

In this workshop, we aim to help attendees understand their strengths, and explore strategies for building supportive practices to develop greater resilience.

The workshop will explore the different tools and strategies that attendees can use to develop an awareness of how they are perceived, understand what motivates them, and how to manage stress levels. These actions are key in ensuring effectiveness in the workplace.

Facilitators

Martin Hookham-Simms

Head of International Office, University of Sussex

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WEBINAR

Reflections on implementing a global hub strategy

**Friday 25 June 2021,
9:00 – 10:15 (GMT+1)**

Reflections on, and lessons learnt in delivering a global hub strategy from Higher Education sector leaders.

Speakers will share their experience in establishing transnational education programmes and explore the elements that build up regional impact and contribute to a global hub strategy.

Speakers

Professor Jin Yanghua

Vice President, Zhejiang Gongshang University

Associate Professor Dr. Kanyaratt

Supaibulwatana

Director, School of Bioinnovation and Biobased Product Intelligence, Mahidol University

Professor Richard Follett

Associate Vice President University of Sussex

Celia Partridge

Assistant Director, Universities UK International

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WORKSHOP

Partnering with alumni to achieve global impact

**Friday 25 June 2021,
14:00 – 15:30 (GMT+1)**

In this workshop, we explore what role alumni play in building institutional reputation worldwide, and how partnering with international alumni can make a real difference for individuals through alumni connections, skills and resources.

We will focus on the alumni engagement work the University of Sussex's development office has done in Africa in recent years.

Facilitators

Dr. Marina Pedreira-Vilarino

Director of Development and Alumni Relations, University of Sussex

Robert Yates

Head of Development, University of Sussex

Chanda Mfula

PhD Student, University of Sussex

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