Universities Wales Committee
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Fees
Close to decision, communicating asap
Waiting for advice
Communication needs to clarify that it doesn't affect cost of living for students
Degree apprenticeships -
VH - Skills minister, keen on the activity
- public service resources discussion to be had
- FE and HE
VH - what she'd like but what is practical and possible
Degree level learning into the heart of disadvantaged communities
FE is good vehicle for this
Rep area, post industrial, lots of adults who need to upskill but maybe not comfortable with university environment

VH - heard from FE who are keen but need to hear from other side

- international, working with UKG

VH - more behind the scenes, very important, outlines why it's important

But tricky road ahead

Areas of incompatibility? - will follow up

- different approaches in Scotland - any chance Wales will have a more Wales focussed skills agenda, could have an element of international recruitment

VH - wouldn't want a policy intent that can't be matched by delivery

- public service provision

VH - social care, focus on home students for those activities

- need a sense of transformational power of HE, join up in government across portfolios

VH - particularly passionate about this, experience as teacher - recognise the long lead in, right from early years

Working with CSE, thinking about support, jr apps etc, 16-19 focus

- study in wales?

VH - Seren but earlier on, capture potential in those who don't recognise it

Broader principles, not just an Oxbridge, RG focus

Could use the Study in Wales banner

Excellent courses in all Welsh universities, a different approach to Seren would be helpful

Want to make sure it works for all of you (HE) and all young people

Ruth - open offer to engage on Participation incl Seren and widening access

Work with education and skills team
VH - this is where she wants relationship to be, close working, don't waste opportunities
- Industrial strategy, how is this landing
VH - Medr at heart, also sits with Economy and Skills
- WIN, some great scope for piloting innovation, work with Ministerial colleagues to join up is really important
- wants UKG to match allocations closer to EU algorithms
VH - previous Chair of group on post industrial communities, understands calls for redistribution in line with EU
- universities research base as economic and skills asset
VH - some thinking going on, city regions and semi conductors, understand core vehicles for economic delivery
- social contract, need to be clearer about impact
- long term view is sometimes lacking, needs maturity

Seek HEI expertise

Sometimes smaller financial decisions have a bigger impact

Trying to protect everything but level of savings requires challenging decisions

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