



All Party Parliamentary Group on Students

APPG on Students: inaugural meeting

Tuesday 11 July; 10:00am-11:00am;
Committee Room 7, House of Commons, Westminster, SW1A 0AA

<p>Present: Paul Blomfield MP, Chair Jo Stevens MP, Vice-Chair Alison Thewliss MP, Vice-Chair Daniel Zeichner MP, APPG Member Rupa Huq MP, APPG Member Ian Murray MP, APPG Member Jeff Smith MP, APPG Member Alex Sobel MP, incoming APPG Member Liz McInnes MP, APPG Member</p> <p>Other: Ayesha Ahmed, Secretariat to APPG Alexander Lee, Secretariat to APPG Ben Mackay, Parliamentary Researcher Researcher on behalf of: Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, APPG Member</p>	<p>Apologies: Nicky Morgan MP, Vice-Chair Caroline Lucas MP, Vice-Chair</p>
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1. Welcome from Chair, Paul Blomfield MP

Chair, Paul Blomfield MP, welcomed all in attendance to the first APPG on Students meeting after the General Election.

2. Election of Officers

The following MPs were elected as Vice-Chairs, and Paul Blomfield was re-elected as Chair, with no objections from the Group:

- Paul Blomfield MP (Chair) (re-elected)
- Jo Stevens MP (Vice-Chair) (re-elected)
- Alison Thewliss MP (Vice-Chair) (re-elected)
- Caroline Lucas MP (Vice-Chair) (re-elected)
- Nicky Morgan MP (Vice-Chair) (elected)

The National Union of Students was also reappointed as Secretariat for the Group.

3. Proposed work plan for the Group

The Chair updated the Group on the APPG's activities at the start of the year, before moving on to discuss the proposed plans for the second half of 2017 – to early 2018.

Suggested event themes included; understanding the student voice in and after the General Election, student housing, mental health and young people, and the cost-of-living for students.

Attendees agreed with the proposed plan with a few suggesting topics on the future of careers and skills for learners, and hosting events in collaboration with other APPGs such as the APPG on Universities. A revised work plan was agreed to be circulated to all Members and Vice-Chairs (not in attendance). A copy of the plan can be found [here](#).

4. Close

For further information about this meeting or previous APPG meetings, please contact: info@appg-students.org.uk