



## Climate Commission: Discussion with the Further and Higher Education Sector Governors and Chairs

**Date:** 2 September 2020 – 10:00 – 11:30 - [Click here for more information.](#)

### Purpose of the Meeting:

This event is hosted by EAUC, Association of Colleges (AoC) and the Committee of University Chairs (CUC). We have invited key stakeholders from the Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE) sector to discuss the current work and direction of the Climate Commission in relation to the needs of Governors and Chairs from universities and colleges.

We will highlight the activities and outputs of the Climate Commission to date. We will then open the discussion for input from Governors, Chairs and the wider audience.

The aim is to provide guidance to ensure the Commission's work is beneficial and relevant to the Governors and Chairs as well as the wider sector. The recording and notes from the meeting will be made publicly available.

The meeting will also include members of the Climate Commission - **Chair: Jim Longhurst**, Climate Commissioner and Assistant Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of England; **Iain Patton**, CEO of EAUC, Climate Commission Steering Group Member; **Fiona Goodwin**, Director of Planning and Operations at EAUC, Climate Commission Steering Group Member; **Amy Brazier**, Student, Climate Commissioner; **Manveer Gill**, Student, Climate Commissioner; **Marta Crispo**, Student, Climate Commissioner

### Invited Expert Witnesses

Expert Witness	Organisation
Nicola de longh	Chair of Council, University of Gloucestershire
Evan Botwood	Student Union Vice-President Societies and Communication, Representative of the President's team on the Sustainability Board 2019/20, University of the West of England
Steve Frampton	Climate Commissioner and President of Association of Colleges
Amy Smith	Student Union President and Member of University Court, University of Stirling



## Agenda

**10:00** - Overview of the Climate Commission and outputs (Jim Longhurst)

**10:15** - Chair and Governors' perspectives on current challenges in taking climate action (Nicola de Longh, Evan Botwood, Amy Smith and Steve Frampton)

**10:30** - Breakout sessions (3 groups facilitated by Expert witnesses)

Key Questions:

1. How has your Board of Governors engaged with sustainability issues? **Breakout Room 1**
2. How does your Board of Governors engage with students on sustainability issues? **Breakout Room 2**
3. What do you need to increase climate action within your institution at a Board level? **Breakout Room 3**

**11:00** - Summary of discussions (led by facilitators of each group)

**11:15** - Q&A (Jim Longhurst)

**11:30** - Event ends

## What is the need?

Chairs and Governors are critical in addressing the climate crisis and holding their institutions to account. It is crucial to ensure the Commission's work supports the diverse needs of the sector to have a cohesive and powerful voice in our response to the climate emergency.

## Key Reading

- Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges

Produced in partnership with Nous Group, the Roadmap is one of the Commission's key outputs - [Click here for more information and to download the Roadmap](#)

- Climate Commission: Current Findings - [Click here to download the document](#)
- A Guide for Members of Governing Bodies - [Click here for more information and to download the guide](#)