

All Party Parliamentary Group for International Students

REPORT 2016-17



1. Elected Officers

The APPG for International Students was formed on 9th May 2016. The Inaugural meeting elected seven officers:

- Paul Blomfield MP (Co-Chair and Registered Contact)
- Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea (Co-Chair)
- Ben Howlett MP (Secretary)
- Baroness Uddin (Treasurer)
- Geoffrey Robinson MP (Vice-Chair)
- Alison Thewliss MP (Vice-Chair)
- Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe (Vice-Chair)

During 2016-17, the APPG for International Students' main focus of activity has been the introduction of the group to parliamentarians and international students.

2. Events

The Group held two successful events:

15th November – *In Discussion with Jo Johnson*

The Group was introduced to Jo Johnson, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation in a brief discussion hosted in the House of Lords. Rebecca Hughes, Director of International Higher Education, British Council also spoke.

17th November – *Celebrating International Students Day*

The Group invited 20 international students and 15 members of embassy staff from London embassy's to the House of Lords for Afternoon Tea. The event was sponsored by Bradford Business School and was attended by the Minister of Education for Thailand.

The Group was due to host a third event on 2nd May 2017 which was postponed due to the snap election.

3. Finance

The secretariat for the APPG is provided by Joy Elliott-Bowman and Rhys Newcombe-Jones of **Independent Higher Education** on behalf of the Exporting Education UK group. Independent Higher

Education is a not for profit group representing the interests of independent providers of higher education including professional skills and pathways for UK and international students into HE.

Exporting Education UK is a group led by Independent Higher Education to bring together those with an interest in international education including schools, colleges, universities, and student groups. The group is cross sector and aims to support a collaborative approach to international education and protect and promote the UK's international education sector.

Independent Higher Education allocates two days per month of staff time to the APPG.

The non-sponsorship funding for the APPG listed below was provided by Independent Higher Education from the fees for the Exporting Education UK group and is managed by Independent Higher Education. Sponsorship received from Bradford Business College for the event to celebrate International Students Day is declared below. The APPG has not reached the minimum threshold for reporting to the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups. The APPG doesn't have a bank account and holds no funds or assets itself at this time.

4. Income and expenditure statement for the All Party Parliamentary Group for International Students

Period covered by this statement: **9th May 2016-3rd May 2017**

A. Balance brought forward from previous year	£0
B. Income received during the year:	
i. Membership subscriptions (parliamentarians)	£0
ii. Monetary donations (sponsorship only)	£930
iii. Monetary donations (secretariat)	£3198.14
iv. Trading income	£0
v. Interest received	£0
TOTAL income	£4128.14
C. Expenditure during the year:	
i. Employment costs (salaries, NI, pensions costs)	£2700
ii. Events (UK)	£1428.14
iii. Events (abroad)	£0
iv. Office and communication costs	£0
TOTAL expenditure	£4128.14
D. Balance Carried Forward	£0
E. Value of benefits in kind or sponsorship received from each source during the year	

Source	Description	Value in £s in bands of £1500	Received
Bradford Business College	Sponsorship (Afternoon Tea) – International Students Day	0-1500	17/15/2017
Independent Higher Education	Secretariat (Staff)	1501-3000	9 May 2016
Independent Higher Education	Event Costs	0-1500	17 November 2016