

Conference on University Purchasing (COUP)



5th to 7th September 2017

Conference Programme

*Please note this is a draft of the event programme, session details and times are subject to change

Tuesday 5th September

14:00 onwards	<i>Arrival and registration</i>
16:00 – 18:00	<i>Social activities including zorb ball and games, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) walk</i>
18:00	<i>Barbecue and drinks</i>

Wednesday 6th September

08:30 onwards	<i>Registration open</i>
09:00	<i>Conference Welcome: Swansea PVC, Howard Allaway – HEPCW Procurement Manager</i>
09:15 – 10:00	<i>Opening Speaker: “Spending to make a difference” - Sarah Dickins, Broadcast Journalist and Economics Correspondent</i>
10:15 – 11:00	<i>Workshop Sessions</i>
	<i>Code of Conduct : Ethical Procurement in Supply Chains – Dr Sue Hurrell, Value Wales (Welsh Government)</i>
	<i>Customer Service Excellence, is this for me?- – John Thompson, University of Huddersfield</i> <i>Huddersfield Finance and Procurement Department decided some years ago to seek recognition for the excellent support work it does in supporting the University. Having examined the accreditations available the Director and Senior Managers plumped for Customer Service Excellence. CSE is a recognised government backed scheme which examines and encourages customer service excellence within organisations with a mantra of continuous improvement something that Huddersfield was keen to promote.</i>
	<i>University Travel: Starting a low Carb(on) diet– John O’Sullivan, Key Travel</i> <i>University sustainability programmes have focused on reducing and changing campus-related travel. It’s predicted that in the near future the focus will start to turn towards faculty and student travel beyond the campus. John O’Sullivan from Key Travel explores some research findings on how University strategies and the globalisation of higher education are affecting travel patterns. John will outline some potential solutions to making travel more sustainable and safe for both faculty and student travellers and reducing the impact of travel on the environment.</i>
	<i>“A SWell way to engage with Sustainability and Wellbeing” – Teifion Maddocks, Swansea University</i>
11:00 -12:00	<i>Coffee Break and Supplier Exhibition</i>

12:00 – 12:45	Workshop Sessions	
	<p><i>Responsible and Sustainable Procurement the Flexible Framework and Beyond – Kevin Casey, University of Manchester and Jimmy Brannigan, Netpositives</i></p> <p><i>The Role of Higher Education in Leading and Delivering changes in Procurement Practice</i></p> <p><i>In this interactive session we will explore how leading practice on sustainable and responsible procurement has put the HE Sector in a key position to shape innovation on integrating environmental, social and economic issues within procurement. The Sector has made steady progress over several years in benchmarking itself on the widely recognised Flexible Framework. With the recent launch of the ISO20400 on sustainable procurement, we ask if the HE sector is now ready to lead the way on the implementation of this new standard. If so how can the sector demonstrate its impact and be recognised as a leader on this important agenda.</i></p>	
	<i>The Art of Negotiation - The Gap Partnership</i>	
	<i>General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): What it Means for Procurement – David Hansom</i>	
12:45 – 14:15	<i>Lunch Break and Supplier Exhibition</i>	
14:15 -15:00	<i>Keynote Session: “From good intentions to good practice”- Professor Kevin Morgan, Professor of Governance and Development, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University</i>	
15:00 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break and Supplier Exhibition</i>	
15:45 – 16:30	<p><i>Keynote Session: Modern Slavery and What it Means for HE, Andy Davies (LUPC) and Angus Warren (APUC)</i></p> <p><i>Andy Davies and Angus Warren outline the implications for UK higher education of the scourge that is modern slavery and the wider issues around protecting human rights in the supply chain. Andy and Angus will set out the global context and explain that the risks impact upon university operations, estates management and HR as well as procurement. They will outline the signs to look out for and how the sector is responding to the risks, including some simple tips that will help protect both workers and institutions.</i></p>	
16:30	<i>Summary and Close for the Day – Howard Allaway, HEPCW</i>	
17:30	<i>Buffet</i>	
18:30 – 21:00	<i>Champagne Reception at the Swansea Maritime Museum</i>	
21:00 – late	<i>Return to Bay Campus or Drinks in Town.</i>	

Thursday 7th September

09:15 – 10:00	<p><i>Keynote Session: The Impact of recent and planned changes to Procurement Regulations (including Brexit) on Universities - Jack Salter, Head of Commercial Policy, Department for Education</i></p> <p><i>There has been a tremendous amount of change in the Regulations around public procurement within the last year – and there are a lot more on the horizon.</i></p> <p><i>We have had the Public Contracts (Amendment) Regulations, the new Concessions Regulations, and test cases around procurement and also the employment of contractors.</i></p> <p><i>Jack will cover the new procedures for Concessions and how this procurement route will potentially be useful and other smaller changes including some further exemptions specifically for the education sector. Jack will also look at the likely impact of Brexit, including recalling how UK public procurement was regulated pre EU.</i></p>	
10:15 – 11:00	<p><i>Keynote Session - Swansea University Research Project – Speaker to be confirmed</i></p>	
11:00- 12:00	<p><i>Coffee Break and Supplier Exhibition</i></p>	
12:00 – 12:45	<p><i>Workshop Sessions</i></p>	
	<p><i>Closer engagement with customers – how Swansea University's procurement function has reorganised to meet the challenge – Laura Bubb-Evans, Head of Procurement, Swansea University</i></p>	
	<p><i>Energy Buying in a Complex Market – Richard Murphy, The Energy Consortium</i></p>	
12:45 – 14:45	<p><i>Lunch and Supplier Exhibition</i></p>	
14:45 – 15:30	<p><i>Panel Discussion</i></p>	
15:45 – 16:30	<p><i>Closing Speaker: "He's only a tenor!!" - How advertising can turn a loss into profit" - Wynne Evans, Classical Singer, Television and Radio Presenter</i></p>	
16:30 – 16:40	<p><i>Conference close and handover – Howard Allaway, HEPCW</i></p>	
19:00 – late	<p><i>Gala Dinner</i></p>	

Friday 8th September

07:00 - 09:30	<p><i>Breakfast and depart</i></p>	
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