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ASSOCIATION FOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENT ADVISERS

# CONFERENCE 2016

## Compliance with compassion: opportunities and challenges

**Monday 11 April 2016**

**International Student House**

**Great Portland Street, London W1W 5PN**

This year our conference will look at the challenges and opportunities for us as advisers within the context of George Osborne's Autumn Statement which pledged an increase in international student numbers of 55,000 by 2020.

### **Speakers/workshop presenters:**

- **Jo Attwooll**, Policy Adviser, UUK
- **Oliver Carlisle**, Head of Student Casework and Sponsorship, UKVI
- **Ollie Rae**, Assistant Director, Student Casework and Tier 4 Premium Customer Service Team, UKVI
- **Nichola Carter**, Principal Solicitor, Carter Thomas Solicitors
- **Mostafa Rajaai**, International Officer, NUS
- **Richard Melia** and **Jim Price**, Immigration Compliance Network
- **Jo Holliday**, Chair, AISA
- **Sarah Woods**, International & Housing Adviser, University of Sheffield Students' Union
- **Naheeda Kauser**, Immigration Adviser for Students, University of Bradford Students' Union (and AISA)
- **Adrienne Clarke**, Freelance consultant and trainer

**£95 for AISA members. £120 for non-AISA members. (includes lunch)**

*Please note: in the case of over subscription, priority will be given to AISA members.*

*When booking please mark your choice of workshop in order of preference.*

# AISA CONFERENCE 2016 PROGRAMME

**Monday 11 April 2016**

**International Student House, London**

- 10.30 – 11.00 Registration and refreshments
- 11.00 – 11.30 Welcome and **AISA AGM**  
AISA Chair, **Jo Holliday**, will open proceedings, annual statements will be presented and any constitutional amendments put forward for consideration/ratifying.
- 11.30 – 12.15 **Opening presentation**  
**Jo Atwool** from Universities UK (UUK) will be delivering an update on immigration changes and areas of development and lobbying in which UUK are currently involved.
- 12.15 – 1.15 **Workshop A, B, C, D**  
Delegate to choose one workshop (*see opposite*)
- 1.15 – 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 – 3.00 **Workshop A, B, C, D**  
Delegates have the opportunity to choose a second workshop (*see opposite*)
- 3.00 – 3.15 Refreshments
- 3.15 – 4.15 **Closing plenary**  
Speakers will talk on the topic for 5 minutes each and then the question will be opened to the floor.  
Chair: **Dominic Scott** (UKCISA)  
Speakers:  
**Oliver Carlisle** (UKVI)  
**Nichola Carter** (Carter Thomas Solicitors)  
**Mostafa Rajaai** (NUS)  
**Jim Price** (ICN)  
**Jo Holliday** (AISA)

# WORKSHOPS

## Workshop A

### Right to rent

**Sarah Woods** will be looking at the new scheme and asking what impact it could have on our students. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences or concerns and to brainstorm ideas around what steps institutions could take to mitigate against any potential issues.

**Sarah Woods**, International & Housing Adviser, University of Sheffield Students' Union

## Workshop B

### Applying discretion in difficult cases

**Richard Melia** and **Jo Holliday** will lead this session which will enable adviser to explore of the use of sponsor discretion in exceptional circumstances. This session will be run within strict confidentiality guidelines in order to promote free discussion and sharing of casework.

**Richard Melia**, International Student Adviser, University of Central Lancashire (and ICN)

**Jo Holliday**, International Student Adviser, University of Sheffield Students' Union (and AISA)

## Workshop C

### Improving the student experience of Tier 4

**Ollie Rae** will present on the new Tier 4 casework systems. AISA will then lead an open discussion regarding visa peak periods and how we can seek to improve our own processes and student experience.

**Ollie Rae**, Deputy Director of Student Casework and Tier 4 Premium Customer Service Team

## Workshop D

### Supporting students in crisis

This session will be led by **Adrienne Clarke** who is currently doing a major rewrite of the UKCISA Guide to Supporting International Students in Crisis. It will be an opportunity for advisers to share best practice on how to support students facing difficulties for example as a result of a range of financial, political crises or natural disasters.

**Adrienne Clarke**, Freelance consultant and trainer

# BOOKING FORM

Please complete one copy of this booking form for each delegate, and keep a copy for your records. You will be invoiced at your institution.

Does your institution operate a purchase order system?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the purchase order number:

First name:

Surname:

Job title:

Name of institution:

Full address:

AISA Region (if known):

Tel:

Fax:

Email:

Special dietary or access needs:

**Please state your preferred choice of workshops. You will be able to attend a maximum of 2 out of 4 workshops.**

Please indicate your first, second, third and fourth preference for **each workshop session** by marking a '1', a '2', a '3' or a '4' in the relevant box. We will try and accommodate your first choice workshop as best we can but numbers on each session are limited.

## SESSION 12:15 – 1:15

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## SESSION 2:00 – 3:00

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