

**Windsor Debates Programme, 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Theme: Restart, Rebuild, Renew: the 'new normal', post COVID-19**



Date & Time	Theme	Speakers and Chairs	Summary of Content
Monday 21/09/2020 14.00-15.30	Introduction and Scene Setting	<p><b>Speakers:</b>  Paul Britton, CEO, TVCC  Bill Gornall-King, Group President, TVCC</p> <p><a href="#">Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith CBE</a>,  President of the British Chambers of  Commerce (BCC)</p> <p><a href="#">Hugh Milward</a>, General Manager, Microsoft</p> <p><b>Chair:</b>  <a href="#">Iain Anderson</a>, Executive Chairman, Cicero</p>	<p>Paul Britton, Chief Executive, TVCC opened the first virtual Windsor Debates session, alongside TVCC's Group President, Bill Gornall-King. We were delighted to welcome our Chair for this session, Iain Anderson, Executive Chairman of Cicero, who has chaired a number of our Windsor Debates events.</p> <p>Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith CBE, President of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), highlighted the role of the BCC in supporting business throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>Speaking on 'The Future of Work', Hugh Milward, General Manager at Microsoft, described how the working environment had been changed by the pandemic, whether these changes were likely to persist in the future, and the role of technology in supporting us through these changes.</p>
Tuesday 22/09/2020 09.30-11.00	A Scientific Perspective on COVID-19	<p><b>Panellists:</b>  <a href="#">Dr Katharina Hauck</a>,  Reader in Health Economics at the  Department of Infectious Disease  Epidemiology, Imperial College London</p> <p><a href="#">Professor James Naismith</a>, Director of the  Rosalind Franklin Institute, Harwell</p> <p><a href="#">Jonathan Haskel</a>, Professor of Economics at  Imperial College Business School; External  Member of the Monetary Policy Committee</p> <p><a href="#">Matthew Duchars</a>, Chief Executive Officer,  Vaccines Manufacturing Innovation Centre  (VMIC) UK</p>	<p>This session provided an opportunity for attendees to hear the detail behind the tremendous contributions made by some of the region's centres of excellence in the Life Sciences sector - including the Rosalind Franklin Institute and Imperial College London - to support the Government's response to COVID-19.</p> <p>The session also covered the practicalities involved in the rapid response to the pandemic, the commercialisation (referring particularly to vaccines) and the economics (with specific mention to the cost effectiveness of different testing strategies) of the science, and the practical considerations necessary in order to be prepared for future epidemics.</p>

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Tuesday 22/09/2020 14.00-15.30	The impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health, learning from each other in uncharted waters	<b>Panellists:</b> <a href="#">Karl Simons</a> , Chief Health, Safety & Security Officer at Thames Water <a href="#">Chris Stewart</a> , Managing Director at Minding Minds <a href="#">Yvonne McCann</a> , Health & Safety Manager at Bayer <a href="#">Anna Blackman</a> , Mental Health Lead at PWC <a href="#">Amantha King</a> , Coach & Development Consultant <a href="#">Dr Carole Kaplan</a> , Transformation Director at Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS FT <b>Co-Chairs:</b> <a href="#">Stuart Carroll</a> , Head of Market Access, Sanofi <a href="#">Clare Lyons-Collins</a> formerly Project Director MH Innovation & Improvement, NHS	<p>Following TVCC's commitment in its Business Manifesto 2020 to developing a <a href="#">Mental Wellbeing Charter</a>, this session was a further step in the process of creating a Thames Valley Mental Wellbeing Community.</p> <p>The session focused on several different aspects of mental health, including the impact of COVID-19 on relationships; self-medication and the resulting impact on public health; the role of managers and leaders in implementing wellbeing programmes, and whether to adapt these programmes in light of COVID-19.</p> <p>Questions addressed by the Panel included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During COVID-19 how has your senior leadership influenced mental Wellbeing attitudes within your organisation?</li> <li>• What changes have been most vital to your Wellbeing strategy during Covid-19?</li> <li>• With an increase in self-medication and addiction during this pandemic, what can organisations do to help prevent substance misuse and support recovery?</li> </ul>

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Wednesday 23/09/2020 15.30-17.00	Future of Trade with the USA (incl. trade agreements)	<p><b>Speakers:</b>  <a href="#">Ranil Jayawardena MP, Minister for International Trade</a></p>	<p>This session offered an opportunity for attendees to hear at first hand an update on trade with the USA from Ranil Jayawardena MP, Minister for International Trade. The Minister covered topics including the Government's perspective on the opportunities and challenges for the UK, negotiations with the US and colleagues' approach moving forward with the WTO.</p>

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		<p><a href="#">Jeffrey J Schott</a>, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Andy Lobo</a>, Managing Director, Norbar Torque Tools Ltd</p> <p><a href="#">Jarl Severn</a>, Managing Director, Owen Mumford Ltd</p> <p><a href="#">Alex Tatham</a>, Managing Director, Westcoast Ltd</p> <p><a href="#">Anne White</a>, Head of International Trade and Compliance, TVCC</p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Anne-Marie Martin</a>, Director Global Business Networks, BCC</p>	<p>We were also joined by Jeffrey J Schott, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for Economics and former Co-Chair of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee for the US Trade Representative, who addressed topics including access to medicines and supporting climate change through trade subsidies.</p> <p>Areas covered during this discussion included negotiation priorities and potential areas of concern for UK businesses in any future US-UK trade agreement, such as navigating regulatory frameworks/common regulatory recognition post-Brexit, tariff free tech, resilience in supply chains and the movement of goods via the EU from Asia Pacific manufacturing bases.</p>
Thursday 24/09/2020 08.30-10.00	Future of Travel (imminent and medium-term)	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <p><a href="#">John Holland-Kaye</a>, Chief Executive Officer, Heathrow</p> <p><a href="#">Ian Howells</a>, Senior Vice-President, Honda Motor Europe Ltd.</p> <p><a href="#">Chris Hazeel</a>, Vice President, United Kingdom and Northern Europe, Collins Aerospace</p> <p><a href="#">Mark Hopwood</a> Managing Director, South Western Railway (interim role before</p>	<p>During this session, attendees heard from senior representatives from the aviation, automotive and rail sectors.</p> <p>Common themes explored included how COVID-19 is changing demand and expectation, decarbonisation, and the business opportunity from the future of transport, whether in green solutions or transport changes, etc.</p>

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		<p>returning to his role as Managing Director, Great Western Railway)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <a href="#">Ruth Bagley</a>, Director, Ardynt Consulting Ltd.</p>	
Thursday 24/09/2020 14.00-15.30	Political Focus – MPs’ Roundtable	<p><b>Speaker:</b> <a href="#">Peter Arnold</a>, Partner, EY</p> <p><b>Roundtable participants:</b> <a href="#">James Sunderland</a>, MP for Bracknell <a href="#">Laura Farris</a>, MP for Newbury <a href="#">Cllr Steve Broadbent</a> Councillor for Greater Hughenden, Ridgeway East, Bucks County Council</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <a href="#">Hugh Milward</a>, General Manager, Microsoft</p>	<p>Chaired by Hugh Milward, General Manager at Microsoft, this session gave attendees the opportunity to hear from local Members of Parliament.</p> <p>Setting the scene for this session, Peter Arnold, Partner, EY covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of COVID-19 and the acceleration of issues/challenges for the region, inc. levelling-up agenda as HMG moves out of the pandemic into recovery and the wider ‘exiting the EU’ implications;</li> <li>• How can the Thames Valley be best placed to deliver and how do we best engage MP’s / key stakeholders to ensure the region’s voice is heard and heard again?</li> </ul> <p>The Roundtable discussion was framed around the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Britain;</li> <li>• The future of the UK/Thames Valley economy post-COVID-19;</li> <li>• The Government’s levelling up agenda with reference to the Thames Valley region.</li> </ul>

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Thursday, 24/09/2020 16.00-1645	In Conversation with Robert Wood Johnson, US Ambassador to the UK	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Robert Wood Johnson US Ambassador to the UK  In conversation with <a href="#">Chris Parker</a> , former Director, Microsoft	During this session, Ambassador Johnson shared his insights on a range of topics, including tourism, Brexit and why the UK - and, in particular, the Thames Valley - is an attractive place for US companies to do business. Describing the Thames Valley as the UK's "Silicon Valley", the Ambassador emphasised the strong historical relationship between the UK and the US.
Friday 25/09/2020 09.30-11.00	Closing Session	<b>Speakers:</b> Paul Britton, CEO, TVCC Bill Gornall-King, Group President, TVCC  <a href="#">Adam Marshall</a> , Director General, BCC  <a href="#">Joe Mayes</a> , Government Reporter, Bloomberg News  <a href="#">Mark Gregory</a> , Chief Economist, EY  <b>Chair:</b> <a href="#">Iain Anderson</a> , Executive Chairman, Cicero	During this session, Paul Britton and Bill Gornall-King reflected on the outcomes of the week's debates.  Adam Marshall joined us to offer a BCC perspective on the week and on the work that lay ahead to support the UK and Thames Valley's business community in the move towards the 'new normal'.  <b>Media and COVID-19 (a journalist's perspective):</b> Joe Mayes provided insightful observations on the political stance throughout COVID-19 and reflections on the UK/global economic recovery and the key issues of the future.  <b>Economic perspective:</b> Mark Gregory addressed the threats and opportunities presented by the pandemic, and the impact on the Government's levelling up agenda, focussing on three key topics - Digital Economy, Sustainability and Deglobalisation.  The closing session of our first virtual Windsor Debates was chaired by Iain Anderson, Executive Chairman at Cicero.