



# Evening

PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 2025

Vicars' Hall, St George's House, Windsor Castle

In partnership with  
 **University of Reading**





WELCOME TO

# Windsor Debates

We look forward to spending  
the evening with you

---

OUR  
*Keynote*  
SPEAKER



**STEVE MCMANUS**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust**

Steve joined the Trust in January 2017 having previously occupied Board level roles as Chief Operating Officer (COO) at University Hospital Southampton, COO/Deputy CEO at Imperial Healthcare and Managing Director at Basildon and Thurrock University Teaching Hospital. In 2016 Steve was selected as part of the first cohort on the NHS Leadership Academy's national Aspiring Chief Executive Programme.

In August 2020 Steve was seconded to NHS Test & Trace taking on key national roles during the Covid pandemic leading the Contain and Trace services.

In 2022 Steve took on an 8 month role leading the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire Berkshire West Integrated Care system as interim Chief Executive returning to the Trust in 2023. Steve regularly contributes across a range of healthcare topics both nationally and internationally particularly regarding patient safety, healthcare technology and leadership development.

In December 2024, Steve was awarded an honorary doctorate from Reading University in recognition of his contributions to healthcare and the Berkshire community.



The Chamber is delighted to support [Daisy's Dream](#) as their 'Charity of the Year' in 2025.

Each year Daisy's Dream supports over 700 children and young people through their bereavement. Whether they are facing the death of someone they love or have already experienced their loss, professionally qualified Therapeutic Practitioners are on hand to offer families the support and guidance they need.



Daisy's Dream

Supporting children through bereavement

# IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



The University of Reading has always been at the forefront of UK higher education. It is among the top 30 UK universities globally, proudly committed to climate change and environmental sustainability, and holds the [Sustainable University of the Year 2025 award](#) from The Times and The Sunday Times "Good University Guide."

Consistently ranked among the world's top 200 universities (QS), it is a research-intensive institution with 98% of its research rated as being of international standing (latest Research Excellence Framework). In March 2026, the University will mark [100 years](#) since receiving its Royal Charter. This historic milestone offers a chance to showcase the past, present, and future impact of its work and people.

University of Reading will showcase four key tenets that continue to shape its regional role – uniting the community; highlighting historic, current, and future impact; reinforcing reputation locally, nationally, and internationally; and delivering a lasting legacy for its community. By way of examples: following our last Windsor Debates, members of the Thames Valley Chamber's Health and Life Sciences (HLS) working group came forward to support the University in setting up a new HLS Industry Advisory Board, helping to inform and shape future course programmes. The Board is expected to meet formally for the first time in August 2025. From January 2026, the University will also take [custodianship](#) of the [International Universities Climate Alliance](#).

In his keynote during the debate, Robert Van de Noort will reflect on themes from the Alliance's work and, by leveraging world-class research, practical action, and educational innovation, highlight members' commitment to addressing global environmental challenges.



# TIMINGS

**16:50**

Arrival for Evensong

**17:50**

Arrival for Drinks Reception

**19:00**

Welcome

Paul Britton, Chief Executive, TVCC

**19:15**

Starters & Main Course

**20:00**

Keynote Address

Steve McManus, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Berkshire  
NHS Foundation Trust

**20:20**

Dessert & Coffee

**21:15**

Chapel Tour (Optional)

# M E N U

Please enjoy the fine menu we have chosen especially for this occasion

## STARTER

Poached Salmon, Chive Cream, Cheese, Pickled Cucumber, Pea Shoots

## MAIN

Beef Fillet, Fondant Potato, Spinach, Wild Mushroom Vol au vent, Red Wine Jus

## DESSERT

Chocolate Marquise, Salted Caramel Sauce, Hazelnut Praline

SAVE  
THE  
*Date*



**BUSINESS ALLIANCE DINNER**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Danesfield House Hotel



**THAMES VALLEY ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TIME**

21<sup>st</sup> November 2025, The University of Reading



**ANNUAL DINNER**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2025, St George's House, Windsor Castle



**WINDSOR DEBATES,**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Windsor Castle





# Attendees

**3M** - Becky Wirth, Head of Government Affairs

**Activate Learning Education Trust** - Catalina Marin, ALET Trustee

**Activate Learning Education Trust** - Rachel Cave, Chief Education Officer

**Advanced Research Clusters/Harwell Campus** - David Williams, Senior Director

**Ardynt Consulting** - Ruth Bagley, Director and Chair of TVCC's WRLtH Working Group

**Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust** - Alex Gild, Deputy Chief Executive

**Blake Morgan LLP** - Penny Rinta-Suksi, Partner

**Boyes Turner LLP** - Dan Reeves, Head of Marketing & Business Development

**Buckinghamshire New University** - Jermaine Ravalier, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)

**Collins Aerospace** - Sean Camilleri, International Lead, Emerging Capabilities

**Content Guru Ltd** - Chris Sykes, Global Chief Marketing Officer

**Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley** - Non Hill, Public Partner

**Honda Motor Europe Ltd** - Patrick Keating, Head of Government Affairs

**Honda Motor Europe Ltd** - Victoria Friend, Head of Data and ESG

**ICC United Kingdom** - Chris Southworth, Secretary General



# Attendees

**ICC United Kingdom** - Emma Bennett, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

**Inify Laboratories Ltd** - Kate Bucknall, Managing Director UK

**James Cowper Kreston** - Rebecca Foy, Senior Manager

**James Cowper Kreston** - Sam Smith, Senior Manager

**Knights** - Jane Masih, Partner and TVCC Board Director

**Knights** - Samia Yaqub, Senior Associate

**Lonza Biologics** - Charlie Allard, Head Of Technical Services

**Lonza Biologics** - Tanya Jenkins, Director, Operations

**Mediplus Limited** - Emma Gray, Managing Director

**North East Chamber of Commerce** - John McCabe, Chief Executive

**North East Chamber of Commerce** - Kate McCabe, Associate

**Owen Mumford Ltd** - Paul Smith, Group Quality & Regulatory Affairs Director

**Oxfordshire Brookes University** - Lucy Turner, Head of Portfolio Transformation

**Oxfordshire County Council** - Liz Leffman, Leader of the Council

**Reading Buses** - Robert Williams, Chief Executive office



# Attendees

**Reading Scientific Services Ltd** - Dale Hirst, Section Lead, Speciality Biopharma

**Reading Scientific Services Ltd** - Jacinta George, Vice President / Managing Director

**Resource Productions** - Dominique Unsworth, CEO, Producer & Sector Skills Specialist

**Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust** - Steve McManus, Chief Executive Officer

**Royal Holloway, University of London** - Professor Giacomo Benedetto, Reader and Jean Monnet Chair

**Syngenta** - Jim Reay, Head of Crop Protection R&D Infrastructure

**Thames Water** - Tom Carpen, Consents Strategy Lead

**University of Reading** - Elena B Spasova, Dean, Henley Business School

**University of Reading** - Davide Castellani, Professor and Head of International Business and Strategy

**University of Reading** - Guy Hembury, Director - Knowledge Exchange, Commercialisation & Partnerships; Research Services

**University of Reading** - Robert Van de Noort, Vice-Chancellor

**University of Reading** - Cristian Luise, Lecturer in International Business and Strategy

**Paul Britton**

Chief Executive

**Bill Gornall-King**

Group President

**Gareth Ralphs**

Head of Business Representation and Policy

**Sarah Irving**

Head of Business Engagement & Communications

**David Saab**

Business Alliance Manager and Mental  
Wellbeing Champion

**Joseph Richings**

Policy and Services Administrator

**Freya Thomson**

Policy and Inward Investment Administrator



*Chamber Staff*



University of  
Reading

In partnership with



**BUSINESS  
ALLIANCE**



**CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**  
THAMES VALLEY  
GROUP

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

DAVID SAAB, BUSINESS ALLIANCE MANAGER

+44 (0) 1753 870 526 |

DAVIDSAAB@TVCHAMBER.CO.UK

WWW.THAMESVALLEYCHAMBER.CO.UK