

DOCTORAL DEANS AND DIRECTORS NETWORK: ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP 2026

Holiday Inn, Bristol City Centre | 26th – 27th February 2026

Workshop Lead:

- Dr. Nigel Eady - Director of Research Talent | King's College London & co-Chair of the UKCGE Doctoral Deans & Directors Network:

Thursday 26th February – Welcome Session for new Doctoral Deans & Directors

TIME	SESSION
14:00	Welcome – Tea & Coffee Available
14:15	So You're Now a Doctoral Dean or Director! Dr Nigel Eady

Thursday 26th February - Workshop Day 1

TIME	SESSION
15:00	Hotel check-in available
16:00	Registration with refreshments
16:30	Welcome & Introduction
17:00	Session 1 – Reinventing the Doctorate, Part 1 Prof Clare Warren Graduate School Director, Professor of Metamorphic Geology, The Open University
18:30	Evening Session Close

Thursday 26th February - Workshop Dinner

TIME	SESSION
19:15	Pre-dinner Drinks
19:45	Workshop Dinner

Friday 27th February - Workshop Day 2

TIME	SESSION
09:15	Session 2 – Current Challenges Dr Nigel Eady
10:30	Refreshment break
11:00	Session 3 – UKRI Doctoral Update Frances Burstow Director Talent and Skills, UK Research and Innovation
12:00	Session 4 – Reinventing the Doctorate, Part 2 Prof Clare Warren Graduate School Director, Professor of Metamorphic Geology, The Open University
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Session 4 – Doctoral Distance Learning Dr James Burford Reader of Global Education & International Development, University of Warwick
14:45	Refreshment break
15:00	Session 5 – Next Generation Research SuperVision Programme (RSVP) update Dr Karen Clegg Reader in Doctoral Education & Practice, University of York
15:30	Closing Discussion / Any Other Business An opportunity for colleagues to discuss issues not already covered during the event.
16:00	Close & Departure