

AISA Annual Conference & AGM 2019

Friday 10th May 2019

Venue: [St. Ethelburgas Nave](#), 78 Bishopsgate, London
(Circle Line to Liverpool Street)

Cost: £95 (AISA members) £155 (Non Members)

A game of two halves...

In a change from other years, this year's AISA conference will have two distinct parts rather than an overall theme. This is due to the perceived urgent need for space for our members to discuss and share our institutional management of the new Sopra Steria Front End Services. Kingsley Magee, UKVI Deputy Director of PBS Casework, will also be offering their take on the situation, offering advice and explaining changes that we can expect to see coming up.

After lunch we will be leaving Tier 4 firmly at the door and delving into the important, and sometimes challenging, world of student mental health. Experts from the UK Student Mental Health charity Student Minds will be helping us to plot the international student mental health journey and see how we might be able to make simple interventions to benefit us all.

10.00 – 10.30 Registration and refreshments

10.30 – 11.00 Welcome and AISA AGM

AISA Co- chairs, Emma Gwynnett-Davies + Sally Saca will open proceedings, annual statements will be presented and any constitutional amendments put forward for consideration/ratifying. Emma and AISA Secretary Sarah Sherwin will offer feedback on the AISA Email Group pilot and ask for Members approval in rolling this out across all regions.

11- 11.45am UKVI Update from Kingsley Magee (Deputy Director PBS casework). Including 15mins for Q&As.

11.45 - 12.30am AISA led discussion around Sopra Steria and institutional management of the new Front End Services.

12.30 – 1.45 Lunch

1.45- 3.45 Student Minds Workshop

Student Mental Health is an increasingly prominent item on institutional agendas- and rightly so. We spend an afternoon with the Student Minds who have spent the last 10 years working with students and Universities to understand the issues surrounding student mental health. They have a mission to support and empower members of University communities and to spread understanding and good practice. As they look towards developing their focus to more fully include international students, this is an ideal opportunity for us to share our own experiences with them and help to shape future support and resources.

4.00 Conference Close