

## British Council HE Delegation for Poland, 9-10 October 2018



**Professor Dame Janet Beer**

President of Universities UK (2-year term from August 2017), Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool from February 2015, former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University. On 1 January 2018, she was awarded Damehood for her services to higher education and equality and diversity.

Dame Janet is a Trustee of the British Council, a member of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel and a member of the Arts and Humanities Research Council from 1 April 2018 as well as the Chair of the Liverpool Knowledge Quarter Board, a member of the Liverpool Science Park Board and the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board.

In June 2017, she was appointed by the Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham as the adviser on Higher Education for the Liverpool City Region.

Academic field: late nineteenth and early twentieth century American literature and culture.

Sources:

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/about/organisational-structure/people/Pages/janet-beer.aspx>

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/board-trustees/professor-janet-beer>



**Vivienne Stern**

Director of Universities UK International (UUKi) and Former Head of Political Affairs at Universities UK, where she contributed to legislation relating to universities, including the Higher Education Act 2004.

Previous work experience: UK Parliament for the Chair of the Education and Skills Select Committee, and a higher education policy specialist working on quality, student experience, innovation and university-business links.

A member of the Board of the UK India Research and Innovation Initiative and the Strategic Partnerships in Higher Education Fund; a member of the British Council's Education Advisory Group and a number of other Boards and Committees.

Vivienne is a graduate in English Literature from the University of Cambridge.

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