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**Becoming Agile:
An International Festival of Learning**

26 – 29 April 2021



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It's been a demanding year and agility has been essential – both personally and organisationally. The world of work is messy but the pandemic has thrown a whole new curve ball. We've all had to make sense of the chaos and adapt to survive in the uncertainty. At The Henley Forum 2021 Annual Conference, we will celebrate innovative practice, share the learning and look ahead to the future of work.

This is about being agile – our ability to respond, adapt and renew quickly in a rapidly changing, turbulent and uncertain world – rather than doing 'Agile' methodology.



This year, making the most of the virtual format, we have opened our doors to the world! With an international line-up of speakers, and participation from across the globe, we're looking forward to a truly international festival of learning. We hope you will join us.

Format

- International speakers
- Interactive workshops
- Informal networking
- Fringe activities – join our Henley Forum Community Coffee sessions

It's much more than the sum of the parts!

This is a carefully curated conference, not a series of webinars. Each day we will take a new perspective on our Conference theme 'Becoming Agile'. Making connections between the sessions and the sub-themes offers you much richer insights.

Join us

If you've been to our Conference before, as a participant or as a speaker, we'd love to welcome you back. There is a special loyalty rate just for you. And if you haven't, what are you waiting for?

Our virtual format makes it much easier to participate from wherever you are in the world. We're looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Henley Forum community.

If you enjoy your experience, then why not join The Henley Forum? If your organisation joins by Monday 31 May, then you can claim back your Conference fees. (See website for details, terms apply).



Benefits of attending:

- ✓ gather international perspectives, success stories and learning from different sectors
- ✓ absorb valuable learning from leading-edge practice and innovative thought leaders
- ✓ make new connections with a global audience and strengthen existing ones
- ✓ create actionable insights to re-energise your work
- ✓ be first to hear about new Henley Forum research and leave with some practical tools

Conference rate – £1,250

Full festival pass, including fringe activities

Members rate – FREE

Included in your membership package

Loyalty rate – £650

Special rate for previous Conference attendees and Henley alumni

Early bird rate

Sign up before Thursday 1 April to receive the **Loyalty rate**

(All prices are subject to VAT)

Day 1: An international perspective

Monday 26 April | Hosted by Sharon Varney and Chris Collison



13:15 – Registration

Keynote



Co-producing agility

Jon Foster-Pedley

Dean and Director,
Henley Business School Africa

John Vlismas

Marketing Executive,
Henley Business School Africa



Managing adaptively in international development

Dr Stacey Young

Agency Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning Officer,
US Agency for International Development



WORKSHOP: Business and learning agility

Dr Bonnie Cheuk

Digital and Business Transformation Leader, AstraZeneca

17:15 – Close

Day 2: Leadership agility in a changing world

Tuesday 27 April | Hosted by Nancy Kinder and Michael Norton

09:15 – Registration



Bridging the gap

Jonathan Armstrong

Director, International Business,
Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd



Leading change with foresight for growth

Jennifer Bryan

Director of Change and Leadership,
ABCChange Consultancy Ltd



Steve Wells

Director, Informing Choices

13:15 – Close



How NOT to do Agile

Freddie Quek

Chief Technology Officer,
Times Higher Education



Leadership in complexity and change

Dr Sharon Varney

Director, space for learning ltd



Return of the Vikings – Nordic leadership in extreme change

Chris Shern

Managing Director,
Henley Business School Denmark

Day 3: Sustaining energy and momentum

Wednesday 28 April | Hosted by Tim Andrews and Divyata Sohail

13:15 – Registration



WORKSHOP:
Being agile –
going slow to go fast



**Katherine Handy-Woods
and Kenda Gaynham**
Co-Founders,
Meeting Magic Network Limited

17:15 – Close



**In it for the long haul:
Rising to the challenge
of sustaining KM**

Dr Divyata Sohail
Network Lead, The Henley Forum



**Change, change, change:
Sustaining energy**

Professor Karen Jansen
Professor in Leadership and Change,
Henley Business School

Day 4: Becoming resiliently agile

Thursday 29 April | Hosted by Divyata Sohail and Sharon Varney

09:15 – Registration

Keynote



**Resilience as a partner
to agility**

Dr Linda Holbeche
Co-Director,
The Holbeche Partnership

13:15 – Close



COVID-19 as a catalyst for change

Karen Battersby

Director of Knowledge Management, Freeths LLP

Scott Leeb

Corporate Lead, Knowledge, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP

James Markham

Senior Business Improvement Manager, Hogan Lovells

Ian Rodwell

Head of Client Knowledge and Learning, Linklaters LLP



WORKSHOP:
Becoming resiliently agile

Informal networking

Each day, our informal networking space will open 30 minutes before registration and will stay open 30 minutes after the close. Grab yourself a coffee, pop in and see who's there. Or use it to connect with people you meet during the conference.

Fringe sessions

Drop into our Henley Forum Community Coffee sessions to get even more value from your festival pass:

Wednesday 21 April (11:30–13:00)

– meet your fellow participants
and warm up your thinking

Wednesday 5 May (11:30–13:00)

– reconnect and reflect to
continue your learning

ABOUT THE HENLEY FORUM

The Henley Forum is dedicated to advancing practice. We help our organisational members to unlock their dynamic potential through our programme of research and development.

Our community offers a space where leading business practitioners and world-class academics and thought leaders combine experience and ideas, develop insights and provide practical guidance to help knowledge-based organisations thrive in a changing world.

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