



Nicola Dandridge

Co-opted Member

Nicola has held leadership positions in the higher education sector since 2006, most recently as the inaugural chief executive of the Office for Students, the new regulator for students in England, and previously as chief executive of Universities UK, the representative body for the UK's universities. Prior to joining Universities UK, she led the Equality Challenge Unit, established to promote equality and diversity for staff and students in the higher education sector. She was awarded a CBE for services to higher education in 2015.

Nicola originally qualified as a solicitor in both England and Scotland, specialising in industrial relations and equality law. She obtained her Scottish legal qualification from the University of Glasgow.

She is a trustee of Cara, the Council for At Risk Academics, and as from October 2022 will be taking up the role of Professor of Higher Education Policy at the University of Bristol.