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CBI Task Force on Higher Education

University-business collaboration: the next phase

The CIHE welcomes the report from the CBI Task Force on Higher Education that builds on and echoes the research and collaborative activities the CIHE has undertaken over many years. As a strategic leadership network of business leaders and university Vice Chancellors we have a very direct interest in promoting a system of higher learning that contributes to greater market competitiveness and social cohesion.

Taking on the Challenge

Dr. David Docherty, CIHE Chief Executive says: "The report highlights the urgent and complex challenges of bringing businesses and higher education together to solve the problems of global competitiveness and social cohesion. The CIHE will pick up the Task Force's challenge and, using its unique network of business and university leaders, drive the agenda forward.'

The CIHE's leadership network will build on the Task Force's recommendations, but will focus specifically on where businesses and universities can combine to help resolve some of the most intractable challenges we face on climate change, new energy sources, the future of engineering and life-sciences, the digital economy and financial services."

The CIHE supports the calls for an increase in student fees, for greater research collaboration between businesses and universities, and calls for a UK-wide web service for Information Advice and Guidance.

Notes for Editors

CIHE

The Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE) is a high-level network of leaders from a wide range of global businesses, universities and colleges. The Council leads in developing an agreed agenda on the learning issues at higher education level that affect our international competitiveness, social cohesion and individual development.

The CIHE annual conference on the theme "**Invest for Greatness in Higher Education**" will be held on 28th October 2009 in London. The conference will address topics covered in the CBI report, and focus specifically on the case for counter cyclical investment in higher education as a recovery strategy.

Bringing together higher education institutions, private learning providers, digital and online providers and colleges – with business, the conference will set out the challenges to continued greatness and the strategic decisions that senior decision makers will need to take ensure their institution prospers in the difficult restructuring ahead.

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