

## MEETING OF THE RURAL HEI SECTOR / UK RPPRG<sup>1</sup>

Online via Zoom  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 11:00 – 12:30

### Agenda

1. **Chair's Welcome & Introductions**  
[Professor Janet Dwyer, OBE](#) - NICRE and Director, [Rural England CIC](#)
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th January 2020 (**see Attachment 1**)
4. Background to and purpose of the meeting. Briefing Note on the UKRPPRG (**See Attachment 2**)
5. Update on the National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise and a report on the latest SORE (State of Rural Enterprise) findings:  
Centre for Rural Economy and Business School at University of Newcastle,  
Enterprise Research Centre at Warwick University, Countryside and  
Community Research Institute University of Gloucester, Royal Agricultural  
University.
6. General Discussion: Potential for UK-wide rural networking with the HEI sector
7. Next steps and close
8. Any other business and close

**NB:** There is a separate meeting with Rural England CIC Stakeholders' Group which will start at 13:00 on Zoom. Please see different Zoom joining instructions via email.

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<sup>1</sup> The UK Rural Policy, Practitioner & Research Group has met occasionally for some years as a group brought together by Rural England CIC.