

Welcome to our latest "virtual" panel discussion agenda. This is a rather special event in that it marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of TPNW. Sadly, as many members will be aware the inaugural Chair Malcolm Small passed away over three years ago, but TPNW continues to thrive despite the pandemic -and is a credit to Malcolm's innovative spirit in establishing the network. Patricia, who was with Malcom at the start of the adventure, has been ever present at the 60 residential meetings and 15 "virtual" meetings that we've held during this time – an incredible achievement. Over 2,200 delegates have listened to almost 500 speakers on a huge range of topics. The very first meeting in 2006 followed very shortly after the introduction of pensions simplification on 6th April 2006 (A-Day) and understandably this featured heavily on the first TPNW agenda. To mark the anniversary, it seemed appropriate to return to the subject of pensions simplification and to reflect on what has and hasn't worked and explore what might need changing. To help with this we've assembled an absolutely "stellar" panel who bring vast experience and very different perspectives on the issue. This is bound to be one of our most popular meetings so please reserve a place as soon as you are able. Please also see the accompanying note from Patricia in which she explains that we are inviting questions in advance so as to ensure we have very wide ranging and informative discussion.

Discussion Topic

"Pensions Simplification - take 2"

Panellists



Steve Webb
Partner
LCP

Steve needs no introduction. He was pensions minister during the coalition government and in his words "finds pensions endlessly fascinating". After a stint at Royal London in 2020 he joined LCP as a partner, advising and commenting on a wide range of DB and DC pensions issues. Steve has spoken at TPNW in the past and it's always a pleasure to hear his views on any pensions related topic.



Peter Hopkins
Technical Director
A J Bell

Peter has been the Technical Director at AJ Bell for 4 years. Prior to that he spent many years in the Civil Service during which he was involved with the tax regime for stakeholder pensions before leading the Treasury team that introduced the changes at A day. Consequently he is in a unique position to comment on pensions simplification. He also led a team that changed PAYE to be reported in real time and at the DWP he integrated PAYE with Universal Credit.



Sarah Luheshi
Deputy Director
PPI

The PPI recently announced plans for the development of a UK Pensions Framework. In their press release launching these plans they commented that "the UK pensions landscape is complex and at present, no single model can consistently capture the impact of changes to policy and policy levers over time, and the way in which critical factors interact to determine pension outcomes." Sarah is well known to TPNW members and I am sure will take the opportunity to outline its plans in the context of the discussion.



Adrian Boulding
Director of Retirement Strategy
Dunstan Thomas

Adrian needs no introduction to TPNW members. A regular attendee and supporter over many years he won the award for the "Most charismatic Pensions person" in our Awards in 2016. He holds several positions currently but on this occasion he is wearing his Dunstan Thomas "hat". Adrian spoke at the very first TPNW meeting in 2006 on "The future of the pensions market post A-day" – and I am sure he will have some thoughts on whether the market turned out as he predicted!

Please book your place in advance via enquiries@the-net-work-meetings.com
We look forward to "seeing" you.



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