

The soaring twenties: investment, innovation and inclusion in UK higher education

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Modern universities make up over half of the UK's higher education sector, educating over a million students a year. They are dynamic powerhouses of pioneering teaching and research, excelling at improving access to education and ensuring jobs and economic growth in their place and region. Across the country it's time to embrace what higher education and modern universities have to offer. **We ask all parliamentary candidates to #ThinkModern and commit to six pledges:**

Increase current levels of investment in line with inflation and guarantee sustainable resourcing for universities to provide world-leading education for students



Restore maintenance grants for students from lower income backgrounds



Reform the student visa system to attract global talent to study across the UK



Invest 3% of GDP in research and innovation to boost our national productivity



Improve student financial support so mature and part-time students can better access higher education in a way that works for them



Recognise modern universities as being at the heart of technical education and pivotal providers for a skilled public service workforce

