

Global Introductions Series

Visit to the Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO)

Thursday 12 November 2015

9.00am Welcome

Jon Davies, Director, Diplomatic Academy

9.05am Structure and Priorities

Representative from the Permanent Secretary's Office

- Organisational structure and leadership. What are the FCO's core functions?
- Overview of the policy-making process, strategy and priorities.
- How does the FCO work in practice?

9.30am Tour of the FCO Building

Martin Garrett, Research Analyst

10.00am Break and Networking session

Relevant Desk Officers have been invited to speak with fellows over tea and coffee.

10.30am Leadership Principles

Jon Davies, Director, Diplomatic Academy

- Discussion of 4-5 key leadership principles which senior managers/directors feel have influenced or been key to their success over the course of their career, exploring issues around:
 - Leadership in a New Role
 - Fostering Innovation
 - Communicating as an Emotionally Intelligent Leader
 - Adapting to change/Using windows of opportunity

11.30am Principal Global Trends and UK Policy Challenges

Kathy Leach, Policy Unit

- Key trends which are, or will be, relevant to governments. These will link to some themes which fellows are exploring in the weekly discussion seminars and their inter-relatedness, including:
 - Changing geopolitics
 - The Role of International Organisations
 - New Security Issues
 - Energy Security

12.30pm Closing remarks

Jon Davies, Director, Diplomatic Academy