

PROFESSOR ALDWYN COOPER

“Regent’s is committed to encouraging everybody, with no consideration of gender, ethnicity or culture, to achieve their full potential and to apply entrepreneurial principles in all that they do. The vision and success of women has traditionally been underestimated and celebrated. Therefore we are delighted to host this important conference here today which very much reflects the historical ethos and values of this university and its predecessor on this campus.”

Prof Aldwyn Cooper, VC and Chief Executive

Aldwyn Cooper is a cognitive psychologist by background having studied and worked at London, Bristol, Stanford, Berkeley, the Open University, Henley Management College and the University of Glamorgan. He was a recipient of a Harkness Fellowship for two years postdoctoral study in America at Stanford and Berkeley Universities. On his return to the UK, he started the on-line learning systems at the Open University.

He joined the senior staff at Henley – The Management College to develop its innovative distance learning programmes and was made Professor of Management Science and Managing Director of their learning company.

He also worked in television for ten years as managing director of Workhouse, a successful production company and as a consultant on culture change and internal communications for many blue chip companies throughout the world. He has written and presented extensively on the use of technology to enhance learning and has been a member of the advisory board for the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education for more than ten years. He is a member of the Quality Assurance Agency ‘Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers’ (ACDAP), the Higher Education Funding Council ‘Leadership, Governance and Management Committee’, the Universities UK ‘International Policy Network’ and the ‘GuildHE Council’.

He became Pro Vice Chancellor and Professor at the University of Glamorgan in January 2000, led the university’s extensive, development of ‘e-learning’ and also acted as Dean of The Glamorgan Business School for eighteen months.

In January 2007 he took up the role of Principal and CEO of Regent’s College. Under Aldwyn’s Leadership, Regent’s College became Regent’s University London. The Privy Council granted the College Taught Degree Awarding Powers in July 2012 and Regent’s achieved full university title as ‘Regent’s University London’ in March 2013.