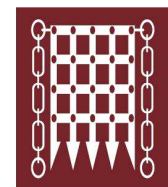


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for widening participation in higher education - developing collaboration between schools and universities, supporting disadvantaged groups and key priorities following the OfS review**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The OfS approach to widening participation - key findings from the review**  
**Jessica Woodsford**, Head of Programmes, Fair Access and Participation, Office for Students  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.10 **Defining the key barriers to widening participation and tailoring outreach strategies**  
**Rabia Lemahieu**, Disability and Skills Manager, Disability Rights UK  
**Ilyas Nagdee**, Black Students Officer, NUS  
**Professor Tom Sperlinger**, Professor of Literature and Engaged Pedagogy, University of Bristol  
Senior representative, university  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 - 10.20 **Evaluating the impact of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme**  
**Lindsey Bowes**, Research Director, CFE Research
- 10.20 - 11.15 **Encouraging collaboration between schools, colleges and universities and the role of universities in raising aspiration and improving attainment**  
**Cathy Sinclair**, Joint Head, UK Student Recruitment, Sheffield Hallam University  
**Dr Sonia Ilie**, Director of Studies in Education, Fitzwilliam College and Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of Education & Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge  
**Laura Bruce**, Acting Head of Programmes and Partnerships, The Sutton Trust  
Headteacher  
Senior representative, college  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Lindsey Bowes**, Research Director, CFE Research
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.50 - 12.10 **The role of centralised admissions in supporting widening participation**  
**Ben Jordan**, Senior Policy and Qualifications Manager, UCAS  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Next steps for widening participation beyond the National Collaborative Outreach Programme**
- Flexible approaches to university admissions*  
**Professor Tim Blackman**, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University
- Strategies used by alternative HE providers*  
**Alexander Proudfoot**, Chief Executive, Independent HE
- Widening participation by improving information and guidance in schools*  
**Hugo Dale-Harris**, Policy Officer, HEPI
- The role of foundation courses in bridging the gap*  
Senior representative, foundation programme
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum