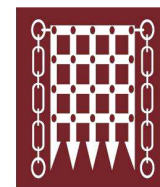


Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for widening participation in higher education - developing collaboration between schools and universities, supporting disadvantaged groups and key priorities following the OfS review

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12th 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
Alastair McKenzie, Principal, Kings College, Guildford
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
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- 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