

Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar
Next steps for widening participation policy and practice: key target groups, reforming admissions processes and best practice in outreach

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21st March 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Flick Drummond MP, Member, Women and Equalities Select Committee
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Government's 2020 targets - progress so far and the scale of the widening participation challenge**
Dr Graeme Atherton, Director, National Educational Opportunities Network
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Addressing the fall in mature students and the likely impact of extending maintenance loans to part-time study**
Dr Tony Ellis, Director, Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds and Secretary, Universities Association for Lifelong Learning
- 9.25 - 9.35 **How changes to vocational and technical education policy will affect widening participation - new post-16 technical routes, the future for Applied General Qualifications and the opportunities posed by Degree Apprenticeships**
Adrian Anderson, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.45 **Widening participation among key target groups - using data, raising aspirations and what works in outreach**
Eliza Selley, Associate Advisor and PhD Fellow, Behavioural Insights Team
Sam Baars, Director of Research, LKMco
Omar Khan, Director, Runnymede Trust and Member, Social Mobility Advisory Group
Annette Hayton, Head of Widening Participation, University of Bath
Joe Baden, Director, Open Book Project, Goldsmiths, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Flick Drummond MP, Member, Women and Equalities Select Committee
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon David Lammy MP, former Minister of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills
- 11.25 - 11.45 **The admissions system and widening participation**
Margaret Farragher, Head of Policy and Qualifications, UCAS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Reforming admissions processes to improve social mobility - transparency, contextual data, name-blind admissions and the case for PQA (post-qualification admissions)**
Angela Nartey, Policy Officer, UCU
Dan Shaffer, Head of Professionalism in Admissions, Supporting Professionalism in Admissions
Gaynor Glover, Associate Director, Admissions, University of Liverpool
Geoff Hurst, Founder and Managing Director, Altain Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **What next for widening participation policy? Implementing the National Collaborative Outreach Programme**
Sarah Howls, Head of Student Opportunity, HEFCE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Rt Hon David Lammy MP, former Minister of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum