

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar

Next steps for widening access to further and higher education in Scotland: strengthening pathways, admissions and student support

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 28th November 2018

Venue: The Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jeremy Balfour MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Key issues for improving access to further and higher education in Scotland: meeting the 2030 targets**
Russell Gunson, Director, IPPR Scotland
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Measuring progress: next steps for enhancing higher education data sharing**
Rob Phillpotts, Managing Director, Statutory, HESA
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Priorities for the Framework for Fair Access**
Dr Dee Bird, Assistant Director (Learning and Quality), Scottish Funding Council
- 9.35 - 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.20 **Strengthening pathways into higher education: alternate progression routes, flexible learning pathways and bridging programmes**
Dr Neil Croll, Head of Widening Participation, University of Glasgow
Vonnie Sandlan, Senior Policy Officer, Colleges Scotland
Jim Fair, Depute Headteacher, Newbattle High School, Midlothian
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Jeremy Balfour MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
- 10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mary Fee MSP
- 11.00 - 11.10 **Lessons learnt from other jurisdictions**
Elizabeth Garnham, Policy Manager, Access and Participation Directorate, Office for Students
- 11.10 - 11.20 **'Widening access priorities in Outcome Agreements'**
Fiona Burns, Outcome Agreement Manager, Scottish Funding Council
- 11.20 - 12.10 **Priorities for improving outcomes for deprived students in admissions processes: implementing contextualised admissions**
Rebecca Gaukroger, Director, Student Recruitment and Admissions, The University of Edinburgh
Kate Davidson, Relationship and National Engagement Manager (Scotland and Northern Ireland), UCAS
Sarah-Jane Linton, Chair, Edinburgh College Widening Access Group
Questions and comments from the floor with **Fiona Burns**, Outcome Agreement Manager, Scottish Funding Council and **Elizabeth Garnham**, Policy Manager, Access and Participation Directorate, Office for Students
- 12.10 - 12.55 **The future for student support in Scotland: fair funding, clarity and parity**
Yvonne MacDermid, Chief Executive, Money Advice Scotland
Professor Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews and Member of Main Committee, Universities Scotland
Liam McCabe, President, NUS Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Mary Fee MSP
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Scotland Policy Conferences