

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: Central Edinburgh



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- 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/Head of Policy (Brexit, and Student Experience), 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
Senior representative, school
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**
Iain Gray MSP, Deputy Convener, Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
- 11.00 - 11.10 **'Widening access priorities in Outcome Agreements'**
Fiona Burns, Outcome Agreement Manager, Scottish Funding Council
- 11.10 - 11.45 **Priorities for improving outcomes for deprived students in admissions processes: implementing contextualised admissions**
Rebecca Gaukroger, Director, Student Recruitment and Admissions, The University of Edinburgh
Ben Jordan, Senior Policy and Qualifications Manager, UCAS
Jamie Szymkowiak, Co-Founder, One in Five
Questions and comments from the floor with senior representative, funding
- 11.45 - 12.25 **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
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for widening access to further and higher education**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Deputy Convener, Cross-Party Group on Colleges and Universities
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences