

Getting In and Getting On: Widening Participation in Higher Education

The event will take place in Central London (venue TBC) | Wednesday 27 March 2019

10.15 Registration & Refreshments

11.00 **Chair's Introduction:** *Professor John Storan, Director, Continuum Centre for Widening Participation Policy Studies, University of East London & Director, Action on Access*

11.05 Next Steps in widening participation and improving access in HE

- The Office for Students' new approach: the Regulator's 2019 timescales and targets
 - Funding and investment to support your WP plans
 - Identifying underrepresented student groups and tailoring outreach strategies
 - Meeting the requirement for approved providers to report and submit their access and participation plans
 - Moving towards a more transparent and consistent approach to contextualising applications
 - Preparing to self-assess: utilising the access and participation dataset
 - Assessing the impact of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme and future schemes
- ⇒ *Dr Graeme Atherton, Head, AccessHE and Director, National Education Opportunities Network (NEON)*
- ⇒ *Anand Shukla, Chief Executive, Brightside*
- ⇒ *Carys Fisher, Senior Policy Executive, UCAS*
- ⇒ *Further speakers TBC*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 Best practice in creating equality of opportunity

- Learning from leading institutions, best practice in eliminating gaps
 - Area-based approaches: exploring their effectiveness in widening access to higher education
 - Establishing partnerships with schools, colleges and universities to improve access to HE
 - Evaluating the impact of your activities: are you adding value to your institution by encouraging social mobility
 - Getting the balance right: increasing social mobility whilst ensuring merit-based selection is upheld
- ⇒ *Greg Brown, Widening Participation Research and Evaluation Unit (WPREU), University of Sheffield*
- ⇒ *Further speakers TBC*

15.30 Chair's Concluding Remarks & Event Close

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