

Narrowing the Gap in HE Outcomes:

Tackling Ethnicity-Related Disparities in Retention, Attainment & Outcomes

One Drummond Gate, Victoria, London | Thursday, 14th December 2017

11.00 Chair's Introduction

⇒ **Dr Gurnam Singh**, National Teaching Fellow, Coventry University

11.05 The Sector Response & Developing a Whole Institution Approach

- The national picture & developing strategic approaches
- The importance of data & measuring progress
- The role of senior leadership

⇒ **Kirsty Johnson**, Higher Education Policy Adviser, HEFCE

⇒ **Helen Hathaway**, Project Manager – Student Experience, University of Derby

12.00 Reducing BAME Non-Continuation Rates

- Pro-active steps HEIs can take to address the reasons why BAME students drop out
- Making HEIs more inclusive environments & offering greater support

⇒ **Kanja Sesay**, EDI Adviser (Students), Oxford Brookes University & Member, HERAG

12.45 Networking Lunch

13.30 Improving BAME Students' Results

- Measures HEIs can take to address the attainment gap
- The role of teaching staff & improving the learning environment to deliver change
- Implementing student ambassador programmes

⇒ **Dr Sammy Li**, Equality & Diversity Advisor for Students, University of Birmingham

⇒ **Nathan Ghann**, Student Transformation Lead, Hertfordshire Business School

14.30 Short Comfort Break

14.40 Improving BAME Students' Further Study & Employment Outcomes

- Actions to ensure more BAME students enter further study
- Providing careers advice & supporting BAME students to find employment

⇒ **Helen Smith**, Head of Careers, Employability & Employer Engagement, Loughborough University and AGCAS Director for Social Mobility

15.15 Improving the BAME Student Experience

- Making HEIs more inclusive environments, offering greater support & BAME student experience in different fields of study

⇒ **Beatrice Carey**, Senior Curriculum Consultant, ED&I, Kingston University

15.45 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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