

Reversing The Decline in Part-Time Study: Offering Flexibility & Support to Improve Accessibility

Taking place in Central London | Thursday, 5th October 2017

11.00 Chair's Introduction

11.05 Understanding the recent decline

- The relationship between part-time study, accessibility & participation
 - Delivering on commitments in access agreements
 - Understanding reasons for the decline
- ⇒ **Les Ebdon**, *Director of Fair Access to Higher Education*
- ⇒ **Claire Callender**, *Professor of Higher Education, Birkbeck, University of London*

11.45 Doing something about it

- How part-time higher education supports UK Government priorities
 - How the decline can be tackled by UK Government & institutions
 - Engaging potential part-time students & educating them about financial support available
 - Making courses more flexible to fit the needs of part-time learners
- ⇒ **John Butcher**, *Associate Director: Curriculum & Access, The Open University*
- ⇒ *Further speakers tbc*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 Learning from leading institutions

- Changing organisational cultures & attitudes towards part-time learning
- Engaging & retaining part-time learners
- Providing a better offer for mature & part-time learners
- Developing & implementing processes to aid more flexible learning
- **Jane Fawkes**, *Deputy CEO & Vice Principal, Strategy & Business Management, University College of Estate Management*
- **Stella Jones-Devitt**, *Head of Student Research & Evaluation, Sheffield Hallam*
- **Ann-marie Steel**, *Senior Lecturer in Leadership & Management, Sheffield Hallam*

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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