

# NEON Symposium 2020

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Chat feature

## Session A – Afternoon – Day One

14:10:10 From Cat Chapman : That's a really shocking anecdote and must have been very isolating in a lecture theatre

14:12:19 From Margaret Greenfields : Thank you so much Lisa and Sherrie for sharing your personal experiences..

14:16:56 From Maria-Anna NEON : Hi All, any questions for the speakers, please write here, thank you

14:17:46 From Sherrie Smith : please feel free to ask us,

14:21:50 From Anisha Smith : On your point of speaking with the communities and involving them in conversations I agree that this is vital. Do you have any advice on making contact with the communities to begin the journey? Thank you.

14:22:52 From Cat Chapman : I'm hoping to work with some young GRT learners in South London, from what you're saying it seems vital that the access and WP work needs to not only be with learners but also with families and the communities learners live in. I'm curious as to what would be an appropriate approach to ensure that we can reach as many people as possible. Can we rely on advertisement of events taking place within schools or are there other ways that would be effective? I'm struggling with local authorities as I was hoping for a liaison officer but most LA's seem to focus purely on planning rather than the community as a whole.

14:22:59 From Margaret Greenfields : Hi Anisha - the jiscmail network linking GTR graduates, NGOs and HEIs is one way forward so do please think about joining if you email Sherrie.Smith@bucks.ac.uk we can enrol you and Sherrie and Lisa will also have other advice I'm sure!!

14:23:15 From Cat Chapman : Sorry I basically asked the same question as anisha

14:23:48 From Anisha Smith : Thank you :)

14:24:13 From Margaret Greenfields : Hi Cat I'm just leaping in until Sherrie and Lisa comment further but liaison officers as you say will be linked to councils and planning not this type of work so answer really as above! and reach out to our speakers and network

14:26:45 From Maria-Anna NEON : Two more minutes, thank you

14:27:16 From Martin Gallagher : Good presentation, Lisa/Sherrie!

14:27:19 From Margaret Greenfields : Brilliant presentation thank you both SO much - and I did want to say how wonderful it is/has been working with you

14:27:21 From Anisha Smith : Really empowering and inspirational to hear your stories. Thank you so much.

14:27:46 From Owen Beacock : Amazing insights into your experiences - very enlightening, thank you!

14:27:50 From Samantha Child : Very inspiring presentation. Thank you

14:28:11 From Liz : Thank you so much for sharing your personal experiences.

14:29:45 From Hollie Baker : thank you

14:42:48 From Charlotte Plowman : Q. These research findings are very interesting and really bring the community voice to life. Is it published anywhere to share with others not able to attend?

14:42:51 From Margaret Greenfields : Martin /Nat this important quote about white middle class students - there was a report a couple of days ago about Northern students being mocked and bullied by middle class - often Southern - students at say Durham when some students came from locally - I'm wondering if you can reflect a bit on similarities here about sense of 'ownership' of HE amongst some students from particular backgrounds - nb: Jewish students also tend to go to specific 'Jewuniversities' for similar reasons to feel safer/access to communities

14:49:09 From Charlotte Plowman : Q. How did this research project come about? Was it something instigated by you or the university? How were these findings disseminated? I would love to replicate something at my university so wondering the mechanics you went through and any support you found beneficial in making it happen

14:53:05 From Charlotte Plowman : Q. Would you have any advice on encouraging people to identify themselves as GRTSB when enrolling at university? What reassurances would you have liked to have seen?

14:54:14 From Margaret Greenfields : Charlotte i'm being really pushy again and responding before Nat and Martin can but in our research - which is triangulating student experience, staff requests for information /support etc - see first presentation in this stream this morning - we had full HEI support and to bring back the findings and work on embedding into a whole university approach - utilising our existing networks to reach out again people in the network can help and this brilliant project by our friends/colleagues at Northumbria and Neon's report (Graeme Atherton)

14:56:54 From Cat Chapman : Thank you so much to all the speakers for sharing today regarding WP for GRTSB learners. It was quite shocking and upsetting in places to hear the discrimination you have encountered, and I can only hope that this is the trickle of stones before the avalanche so your conversations can reach a larger platform. I look forward to navigating the network and working with some of you to do some really valuable work for future generations of learners.

14:57:03 From Maria-Anna NEON : Hi all, we have a 10 minute break at 3pm, the next session starts at 3.10pm, thank you

14:58:19 From Liz : I completely echo Cat's comments. Thank you so much everyone - I have learned so much and now have so much more to learn.

14:58:30 From Margaret Greenfields : Charlotte - also re encouragement - visibility, awareness of support such as having Sherrie and Martin and people as visible people, we provide mentors and we offer a bursary for students from GTRSB students too

14:59:20 From Charlotte Plowman : Thank you so much, very thought provoking!

14:59:21 From Martin Gallagher : Thank you everyone, really appreciated!

15:34:29 From Hannah Wilson : Thanks Alice, really interesting