

NEON Working Group - Widening Participation in Post Graduate Study
10th January 2023

14:03:21 From Sam Dyer- Exeter : Hi everyone, Sam Dyer, WP Strategy and Evidence Manager at University of Exeter

14:03:21 From Jo : Hello, I'm Jo Armstrong, a researcher from Lancaster University and I am currently involved in a project (Progression to Postgraduate Study at Lancaster University: PPS LU) exploring the barriers and enablers in access to PG study.

14:03:49 From Maria-Anna Petrou : Agenda

Welcome – Louise Banahene

Update from workstreams – George Gisborne (Leeds), Rachel Van Krimpen (Nottingham), Stacey Motterhsaw (Leeds)

PG Finance provocations and discussion A) Student Loans Company project – Cheryl Jones, University of Warwick B) Reviewing means tested scholarships for PGT students – Jenn Coates, University of Leeds C) Breakout discussion (20 minutes) – all, breakout rooms

BREAK

Application of contextual admissions at postgraduate level – Kate Davy, University of Oxford (presentation)

Capturing case studies on improving the pipeline into PG – Louise Banahene

Updated TOR – discussion and approval – Louise Banahene, University of Leeds

AOB

14:04:26 From Rebecca Lindner : Hi all. Becky Lindner (UCL). I work between the Doctoral School and our Teaching & Learning centre. Also work on barriers to PG and I'm coordinating one of the OfS/RE projects.

14:05:22 From Lucy Clague (SHU) : Lucy Clague, researcher/evaluator from Sheffield Hallam University with a focus on equity in HE. Currently running an evaluation of the YCEDE programme. YCEDE is the Yorkshire Consortium for Equity in Doctoral Education and is a collaboration between five universities in Yorkshire

14:07:03 From Sam Dyer- Exeter : Hi Louise, perhaps a useful AOB would be how institutions are intending to handle/present this agenda in their new APPs to be drafted this spring

14:07:55 From Louise : Hi Sam, good idea. Will note that to pick up at the end.

14:28:03 From Rebecca Lindner : Thanks Jenn. Are you able to offer the same number of awards at the new higher amount? (Sorry if you said and I missed it).

14:29:28 From Nadia Pollini - Uni of Oxford : What criteria do you use to identify WP grad applicants?

14:31:52 From Roshana Wickremasinghe : Thank you! What's the split between alumni and students who completed UG studies elsewhere?

14:31:55 From Rebecca Lindner : Thanks 😊 .

14:35:00 From Jules Chamberlain (she/her) : thanks, that was interesting, and sounds complex to administer!

14:36:11 From Kate Smith-Crallan : Are these scholarships only available to Home students, or also Overseas?

14:40:26 From Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds : Padlet to add to for group discussions:

<https://warwick.padlet.org/cheryljones/fvvebyixu3zqq744>

15:09:29 From Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds :

<https://uwloffice365live.sharepoint.com/sites/NEONWorkingGroups9/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?newTargetListUrl=%2Fsites%2FNEONWorkingGroups9%2FShared%20Documents&viewpath=%2Fsites%2FNEONWorkingGroups9%2FShared%20Documents%2FForms%2FAllItems%2Easpx&id=%2Fsites%2FNEONWorkingGroups9%2FShared%20Documents%2FWidening%20Participation%20>

[20in%20Postgraduate%20Study%2FMeetings%2F2022%2D23%2F2023%2D01%2D10&viewid=ce6ea
e87%2Df9ef%2D43f7%2Dac22%2D409251ecf912](https://www.educationopportunities.co.uk/events/postgraduate-diversity-working-group-meeting/)

15:09:50 From Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds : Meeting folder where Rachel's update (and the other workstream updates) is stored :)

15:10:14 From Rachel Van Krimpen (Uni of Nottingham) :
rachel.vankrimpen@nottingham.ac.uk

15:16:03 From George Gisborne Uni of Leeds : g.gisborne@leeds.ac.uk

15:38:43 From Lauren Bramley : Thank you for sharing these projects - which socio-economic questions do you ask?

15:41:15 From Liam Carson : Thank you so much for sharing this! When looking at socioeconomic criteria do you consider an applicant's background or current circumstances (or both)?

15:43:00 From Jo : A related question, do you have a sense of the proportion of UK / international applications within the scheme?

15:51:06 From Rebecca Lindner : Thanks Louise

15:51:26 From Kate Smith-Crallan : Links to a question we have around disability - we are very aware that this is under reported at application stage - how do we encourage people disclose things that they think might disadvantage them, but can acutally be useful in consideration

15:52:12 From Jenn Coates, Uni of Leeds : We've a meeting in March - so quite soon

15:52:14 From Jo : Another issue regarding applications - is whether an institution has a fee in order to apply for PG courses, perhaps something to add to future discussions.

15:53:42 From Kate Davy : On socio-economic questions, these are quite broad - easiest way to view them is via our application form (About you). Will see if we can share a screenshot after meeting

15:53:43 From Maria-Anna Petrou : March
<https://www.educationopportunities.co.uk/events/postgraduate-diversity-working-group-meeting/>

15:53:51 From Maria-Anna Petrou : 13th March

15:54:06 From Cheryl Jones (Warwick) : WP in PG is part of the student lifecycle so that's how we are interpreting inclusion of this work in the APP

15:54:17 From Liam Carson : Thank you, Kate!

15:55:23 From Kate Davy : Liam - we look at both

15:57:21 From Kate Davy : Jo - all our applicants are asked the questions via the grad application form. On the pilots it does vary by department but overall around 2/3 of our applications are from those domiciled outside the UK

15:57:50 From Jo : Thanks Kate!

15:57:54 From Nadia Pollini - Uni of Oxford : thank you very much- as ever very interesting.

15:57:57 From Sam Dyer- Exeter : Thanks Louise- great meeting

15:57:59 From Jules Chamberlain (she/her) University of Bristol : Thanks all :-)

15:58:00 From Martin Webster : Bye all

15:58:02 From Lauren Bramley : Thank you!

15:58:02 From Emily Smith : thank you

15:58:04 From Iqra Arshad - Uni of Leeds : Thank you