

NEON Symposium 2020

21ST & 22nd October 2020

Chat features

Opening Session – Day One

10:02:09 From Naomi Prendergast : Morning from the Humber Outreach Programme!

10:02:53 From Maria-Anna NEON : Morning all!

10:03:30 From Alice Dee : Hello everyone, here from the Access Project based on London. I'm originally from Hull so very happy to see Humber/Hull representing!

10:05:01 From Maria-Anna NEON : Welcome to the NEON Symposium 2020 – 'Let's work together – how can students shape the future of widening access'.

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10:05:26 From Jo - Wolverhampton Uni : Morning all from Costa del Dudley, representing Aspire to HE at the University of Wolverhampton.

10:06:33 From Alison Jenkinson : Hello from sunny Aberdeen!

10:06:35 From Shauna - Uni of Kent : Good morning everyone from rainy University of Kent!

10:06:44 From Sophie Hoyle (she/her) : Morning from Manchester! :)

10:06:49 From Samantha Child : Good morning everyone. I'm WP Eval Manager at Oxford Brookes University. Looking forward to presenting with Jon Rainford later on the value of visual methods

10:07:18 From Adam Young : Good morning everyone from Nottingham and from Team DANCOP!

10:07:24 From Roisin Kendall : Morning everyone from rainy University of Bedfordshire

10:07:57 From Caterina Sinibaldi : Good morning from SOAS, London! Looking forward to the presentations today :)

10:08:13 From Peter Wolstencroft : Hello from Liverpool John Moores! Looking forward to lots of interesting discussion!

10:08:50 From Margaret Greenfields : Just starting reading the chat! Hi from Margaret as part of our Bucks New University team - and a presenter in the stream of work on Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showmen and Boater students

10:08:55 From Naweed Hussain : Good Morning everyone from Bradford College APP Team

10:09:21 From Jess Spurrell UoS : So excited that Uni of Southampton students are presenting a paper today!! #studentvoice

10:09:41 From Jemma Basham : Morning everyone from University of Cumbria

10:10:23 From Laura Whitelock : Morning everyone from the University of York! :)

10:10:56 From Jen L-H Sheffield Hallam : Morning all! Who's hitting the coffee? Presenting tomorrow about student shaped skills development at Sheffield Hallam. Hope presentations go well today! Looking forward to a informative couple of days:)

10:11:18 From Natalie Forster : Morning everyone from a drizzly Newcastle! Great to be here!

10:11:29 From Anisha Smith : Good morning from Coventry University. Looking forward to some interesting discussion today! Anisha Smith, WP Manager.

10:18:10 From Maria-Anna NEON : Hi All, For the programme and log in details, please click here: <https://www.educationopportunities.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/NEON-Symposium-2020-Programme.pdf>

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10:20:51 From Maria-Anna NEON : If you have any questions for Leanne, please write them here - thank you

10:20:54 From Margaret Greenfields : What an incredibly inspiring story Leanne. Thank you SO much for sharing your journey with us.

10:21:16 From Natasha Daly : What an incredibly inspirational woman

10:22:34 From Messiah ICMP : This is amazing

10:23:21 From Martin Gallagher : No questions from me, just that Leanne seems an incredible woman. Amazing work.

10:23:51 From Shauna - Uni of Kent : Hi Leanne, thank you for sharing such an inspiring story. Many of our partner schools don't have the A Level options that are needed for students to apply to medicine. Any advice on working with younger years to give students the confidence and meet their aspirations to see medicine as something for them so that they can make the leap to a sixth form that offers those A Level options?

10:23:58 From Lorraine Ballintine : Very inspirational Dr Armitage

10:24:24 From Martin Gallagher : Shame there's no rapturous applause here

10:24:50 From Les Ebdon : wow so inspiring

10:25:04 From Margaret Greenfields : Hello - I can't hear anyone/froze - is this just me?

10:25:17 From Sue Edwards (Lancaster University) : wonderful story!

10:25:29 From Martin Gallagher : I can hear and see, Margaret

10:26:33 From Shauna - Uni of Kent : Thank you so much!

10:27:22 From Jemma Basham : Thank you so much so inspiring and helpful

10:27:45 From Laura Whitelock (UoY) : Leanne, thank you so much for sharing your story. You are a very inspiring young woman!!

10:29:09 From Anisha Smith : Very apt for the times we're in now with a majority of learning taking place online with very little empathy for different learning styles.

10:30:01 From Michael Hall : Q for Leanne - given the present circumstances, what do you think is key for maintaining momentum of programmes and initiatives such as yours?

10:30:22 From Roisin Kendall : Thanks Leanne amazing and inspiring - what advice would you give to young person who is lacking relatable role models in their life?

10:30:36 From Charlotte Plowman : Hi Leanne. Very inspiring presentation thank you. I was interested in the challenges you mentioned at the start in particular around your familial context, do you have any advice on supporting parents to help their children in a situation such as yourself? Do you have a sense of how she found your journey?

10:32:33 From Luke Parmenter : Thank you Leanne. You described being inspired by the trauma you witnessed on your estate but you are evidently also intrinsically very motivated to put the hours in. Do you have a sense of how we can harness that drive in other young people? How can we keep them motivated and block out the negative messages you described hearing all the time?

10:35:04 From Samantha Child : Very inspirational story. Thank you Dr Armitage

10:35:47 From Jemma Basham : Thank you Leanne thank you for sharing hope

10:35:56 From Emma Parr : Thanks Leanne!

10:35:58 From Maria-Anna NEON : Thank you Leanne!

10:36:11 From Margaret Greenfields : lots of applause here Dr Armitage - thank you!!

10:36:16 From Sofia Hirscher : Thanks Leanne, great work and very inspirational

10:36:19 From Anisha Smith : Thank you Dr Leanne, so incredibly inspirational!

10:36:26 From Daisy Robinson : thanks Leanne, very inspiring!

10:36:33 From Natalie Forster : Thank you Leanne - absolutely brilliant presentation

10:36:36 From Leanne Armitage : Thank you for your support everyone!

10:36:41 From John Hague : Thanks Leanne, very inspirational!

10:37:47 From Harriet : Thank you Leanne, amazing story, so inspirational, and so interesting to listen to!

10:40:43 From Maria-Anna NEON : Hi All, please write any questions for Hillary here, thank you

10:46:05 From Alice Dee - Access Project/TAP : Totally agree Hillary! Even the phrase widening participation/WP is confusing

10:46:18 From Anisha Smith : Completely agree about the language we use in the WP word being alien to students.

10:46:21 From Samantha Child : I agree too about the language we use

10:48:22 From Anna : Agree there is huge potential in collaborative work with NUS and societies

10:48:29 From Les Ebdon : Does Hillary have any suggestions for a new language which is understandable for students?

10:50:44 From s.marchment@kingston.ac.uk : Does Hillary have a view on how HEIs can target 'groups' sensitively and effectively? How does that balance with a whole student approach?

10:51:15 From Michael Hall : Q for Hillary - you mentioned APPs; do you think that the present regime of governance of HE potentially poses a barrier to developing an organic approach to widening access? How could we re-imagine accountability to promote a more holistic approach?

10:51:40 From George Gisborne : Thank you Hillary.

10:51:52 From Sophie Hoyle (Manchester Access Programme) : Thank you - very inspiring.

10:52:23 From Jess Spurrell UoS : Two super inspiring keynotes from two super inspiring people! You guys rock, thanks so much!

10:52:40 From Charlotte Plowman : Thanks Hilary. In the past we've had some push back on working with the union who don't see the relevance of access work when their focus is current students, would you have any advice on how best to engage them?

10:54:13 From Anna : Agree, I think WP is sometimes a catch all because people are uncomfortable talking about inequality

10:54:13 From Jemma Basham : Fantastic to hear such passion thank you

10:54:28 From Michael Hall : Agree Hillary - target systemic issues head on.

10:54:47 From Fatmata Daramy : How about "DeacademicTISE"?

10:55:37 From Jo Goodman - Aspire to HE : Quite often WP teams don't see the APP either.

10:55:43 From Margaret Greenfields : Really helpful and interesting paper Hilary I wonder too if you have any specific thoughts on how SUs can help to support students who are reluctant to 'out themselves' but for whom WP/accessibility support might be really helpful - e.g Gypsy, Traveller and Roma students; or people with 'hidden' disabilities? Sorry if you mentioned this having connection problems and been finding sound is dropping out intermittently. Thank you for this great presentation

10:55:48 From Caroline Hanson - HeppSY : What does APP stand for please?

10:56:43 From Anna : Access and Participation Plan

10:57:53 From Jemma Basham : Absolutely agree with this - we have to do the metrics but evaluative work is key

10:58:01 From Margaret Greenfields : 100% agree with this point Hilary the 'whole university' approach which is something we are actively moving towards in our institution (Bucks New University)

10:58:42 From Janine : Completely agree that it needs to be embedded and not an add-on

10:59:53 From Emma Parr : Hillary- completely agree. So much effort is placed on making students change to fit the university, rather than universities changing to fit students.

11:00:08 From Jess Spurrell UoS : Loving the call to large scale social change!! It's a massive task but so inspiring to see people not shying away from it!! We can do it! :D

11:00:17 From Messiah ICMP : whole provider and embedded approach is crucial - totally agree

11:00:20 From Les Ebdon : Me too absolutely agree was exactly the same with Access Agreements

11:03:22 From Janine : I agree, Hillary but institutions also need to consider SU staff. We're the consistent and continuing presence in the face of our officers leaving after a year or two. We have to start all over again from the beginning if as SU staff we're excluded from these conversations. We can also support the officers while they learn how to engage in those conversations and committees

11:04:50 From Shauna - Uni of Kent : Hillary - this is the second time I've seen you speak, and you're such an inspiration. Thank you so much for sharing your ideas with us :-)

11:04:50 From Hillary (she/her) : I agree Janine!

11:04:51 From Sophie Hoyle (Manchester Access Programme) : Thank you - that was brilliant!

11:04:58 From Margaret Greenfields : Thanks Hilary and Graeme/all at NEON for a fabulous first session!!

11:04:58 From Tiffany Evripidou : thank you

11:04:58 From Charlotte Plowman : Thank you Hillary - wonderful thoughtful advice and passion on the topic

11:04:59 From Natasha Daly : Thanks Hillary - real food for thought

11:05:01 From Jen L-H Sheffield Hallam : Wonderful keynotes- thank you

11:05:10 From Laura Whitelock (UoY) : Thank you Hillary. It has been so interesting to hear you speak today and I echo both your thoughts and your t-shirt!

11:05:18 From Harriet : Thank you so much Hillary, such a brilliant perspective, couldn't agree more!

11:05:25 From Natalie Forster : Thank you Hilary!

11:05:28 From Lesley Acton : Fantastic and informative - thank you Hilary!

11:05:30 From Natasha Daly : Absolutely - love the t-shirt!

11:05:30 From Caroline Hanson - HeppSY : Thank you very much

11:05:32 From Natalie Forster : Fantastic talk

11:05:34 From Rita Dattani : thank you so much

11:05:35 From Janine : Thank you - great keynotes

11:05:42 From Liz : Thank you Hillary and Leanne - brilliant presentations.

11:05:59 From Samantha Child : Thank you presenters

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