



**NEON Summer Symposium, 22-23 June 2015, Does data matter? Evidence, practice and widening access to higher education**

University of Sussex

<b>Day 1 - Monday 23 June</b>
11.30 – Registration and lunch
12.30 – Introduction: Dr Graeme Atherton
12.40 – Keynote address: Bill Rammell, Vice Chancellor, University of Bedfordshire
13:10 – NEON Roundtable Discussions  These sessions will look at some of the key challenges and opportunities in access at the moment and allow delegates to share their ideas as to how NEON can best to support its members over the coming years:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What does 'success' mean for the NCO project? (NEON NCO Strategy Forum)</i></li> <li>• <i>Evaluating widening access work: The relationship between HEIs and OFFA (in partnership with OFFA)</i></li> <li>• <i>How does data improve widening access work?</i></li> <li>• <i>Supporting attainment and progression in schools: What works? (in partnership with Sutton Trust (tbc))</i></li> </ul>
14.10 – BREAK
14.30 – Keynote address: Helen Thorne, UCAS, Director of Policy and Research
15.00 – Welcome and Keynote address: Professor Clare Mackie, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Sussex
15.30 – Does data matter? How can evidence improve practice: Parallel Papers and workshops I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper session 1,</li> <li>• Paper session 2,</li> <li>• Workshop 1,</li> <li>• Workshop 2,</li> <li>• Workshop 3,</li> </ul>
16.30 – <i>Access to Higher Education in England: State of the Nation – Report launch of a joint NEON/OFFA publication (to be confirmed)</i>

17.00 – NEON Members' AGM
19.00 – 20.00 – The Innovation in Widening Access Poster Session
20.00 - Conference dinner

<b>Day 2 - Tuesday 23 June</b>
09.00 – Keynote speaker: (tbc)
<p>09.30 – Data and the NNCO Initiative: What data can the SpOC provide and how will it help schools/colleges engage with HE?</p> <p>The session will look at the role of SPoC's in providing information and data on HE progression and school attainment in an area. What is the statistical mix of information that could be provided to help partners engage cross-sector? Where can it be sourced from? How should it be presented? Who is the audience?</p>
<p>10.30 – Does data matter? How can evidence improve practice: Parallel Papers and workshops 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper session 1,</li> <li>• Paper session 2,</li> <li>• Workshop 1,</li> <li>• Workshop 2,</li> <li>• Workshop 3,</li> </ul>
11.30 – Break
<p>11.45 – Panel and closing plenary: New government, new data? The future of widening access, research and practice</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Graeme Atherton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claire Crawford, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Warwick</li> <li>• Sarah Howls, Head of Student Opportunity, HEFCE</li> <li>• Janet Graham, Director of the Supporting Professionalism in Admissions Programme (SPA)</li> </ul>
13.15 – Lunch