



NEON Summer Symposium 2017 – ‘Widening Access in Higher Education: Are we there yet?’

8th and 9th June 2017

Programme

Day 1	Activity
10.30	Registration opens
11.15	Introduction – Dr Graeme Atherton , <i>Director</i> , NEON
11.20	Welcome – Professor Peter Slee , <i>Vice Chancellor</i> , Leeds Beckett University
11.40	Keynote address – Chris Hale , <i>Director of Policy</i> , UUK
12.10	Lunch
13.10	NEON Laboratory Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeting estranged young people and their journey in higher education • From Aimhigher to NNCO to NCOP: lessons learnt from collaborative outreach work • Targeting and evolving measures of attainment and social disadvantage • What is being done to support greater participation (as well as retention and success) for learners with disabilities? • Supporting student success: Are inclusive approaches enough? Closing outcome gaps for BAME learners – the tools and how to deploy them
14.10	Keynote address - Sarah Howls , <i>Head of Student Opportunity</i> , HEFCE
14.40	Break
15.00	Paper sessions
16:30	Keynote address – Louis Coiffait , <i>Head of Education</i> , REFORM
17:15	NEON Members’ Annual General Meeting
18:00	End
19:00	Pre-dinner drinks reception
20:00	NEON Conference Dinner with after dinner speaking from the NEON 2017 Students of the Year

Day 2	Activity
09.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address – Caroline Rowley, <i>Regional Director</i>, Association of Colleges – Yorkshire and the Humber
09.30	<p>NEON Laboratory Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening Participation in Outward Mobility • Successes of the National Networks for Collaborative Outreach from the Southern Universities Network • Supporting learners in need of support with mental health • Supporting the HE sector to give quality financial information to students • Mentoring to affect choice
10.30	Paper sessions
11.30	Break
11.45	<p>Panel discussion and closing plenary: Where to now for widening access? 2020 and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Griffiths, <i>Director of HE Development & Learning</i>, University Campus Oldham • Kate Howell, <i>Senior Policy Executive</i>, UCAS • Diana Beech, <i>Director of Policy and Advocacy</i>, Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI)
13.00	NEON in 2016-17 and summing up
13.15	Lunch and delegates depart