

NEON Summit

Meeting the 2020-21 Higher Education Admissions challenge – how can we cope with Covid-19?

Wednesday 11th November 2020



Time	Session	Speakers
10:00	Welcome	Sir Les Ebdon , Chair of NEON
10:05	Keynote speaker	Dr Graeme Atherton , Director, NEON
10:35	Keynote speaker	Sander Kristel , Chief Operations Officer, UCAS
11:00	<i>Two-minute silence</i>	
11:02	Keynote speaker	Hilary Jones , Senior Officer, Compliance and Student Protection, Office for Students
11:25	<i>Break</i>	
HEI session		
11:35	Welcome back	Sir Les Ebdon , Chair of NEON
11:40	'Double Trouble: Doing Results Day Twice – How we Survived and What we Learned'. The talk will reflect on Exeter's experience of the Confirmation period in 2020 and what the events, and our responses to them, mean for the principles of Fair Admissions in a university environment today.	Katherine Lloyd-Clark , Assistant Director (Student Access, Recruitment & Admissions), University of Exeter
11:55	One institution's reflections on the impact of Covid on Admissions in 2020 and the lessons learnt as we enter the 2021 admissions cycle: how we can help one another, and our students, navigate the applications process in the midst of a global pandemic.	Rob Evans , Head of Admissions, University of Sussex
12:10	Q&A	
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
Schools/college session		
14:00	Welcome back	Dr Graeme Atherton , Director, NEON
14:05	This presentation will explore from a FE College perspective, the current issues/concerns students have in applying for university in the 2020/21 cycle.	Vicky Speirs , Uni Connect Project Coordinator, East Sussex College Group
14:20	Starting from Sixth Form, and working backwards, this presentation will look at how the pandemic has affected 3 key aspects of student progression to university: Aspirations, Applications and Attainment.	Claire Ungley , Aspirations and OxNet North East Coordinator, Southmoor Academy
14:35	Q&A	
14:50	<i>Break</i>	
Panel – future of admissions.		
15:00	Panel discussion	Matt Waddup , Head of policy and campaigns, University and College Union Eddie Playfair , Senior Policy Manager, Association of Colleges Tom Richmond , Founder and Director, EDSK
15:55	Closing remarks and end of event	Dr Graeme Atherton , Director, NEON