



The Networks for Collaborative Outreach (NCO) Project: National Planning Conference

LCA Business School
Wednesday 17 September 2014
10:00 – 16:00

- 10.00 Registration
- 10.30 Introducing the day, Dr Graeme Atherton (Director, NEON)
- 10.40 The National Networks for Collaborative Outreach (NCO) programme: Update and Q&A, Clare Murphy (Senior Policy Adviser, HEFCE) and Samantha Dyer (HE Policy Adviser, HEFCE)
- 11.30 Gaps in young participation to higher education – Leyla Bagherli (Analytical Services Division, HEFCE)
- 12.00 Workshops:
1. Constructing effective NCOs in rural and coastal areas – Vanessa Chapman (Communications and External Partners Manager, Kent and Medway Progression Federation)
 2. Progression to HE of apprentices and work based learners in the NCO framework – David Berry (Partnership Co-ordinator, Higher Education Progression Partnership)
 3. Prioritising Looked After Children (LAC) progression in the NCO Framework – David Broomby (Outreach Activities Officer, The University of Sheffield)
 4. Progression to HE of disabled learners in the NCO framework - Peter Riley (Widening Participation Manager, Manchester Metropolitan University)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Linking your NCO with ESF - maximising the opportunity – Kevin Richardson (EU Funding, Adviser, HEFCE)
- 14.30 NCO and the Higher Education Access Tracking (HEAT) Service: Integrating evaluation and collaboration - Sharon Smith (WP Research and Evaluation Manager, Kent and Medway Progression Federation)
- 15:00 Supporting NCOs to be successful and sustainable:
An interactive discussion session led by NEON and The Progression Trust
- 16:00 Conference Ends