

## NEON Summer Symposium 2018 Widening Access – Who Cares?

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd June  
University of Sussex

### Programme Day one – Thursday 21st June

10.30 Registration Opens

11.15 Introductions & Welcome

**Dr Graeme Atherton**, Director, NEON

**Professor Adam Tickell**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sussex

11.40 Keynote Address

**Gordon Marsden MP**, Shadow Minister for Higher Education, Further Education and Skills

12.10 Lunch

13.10 Laboratory Sessions

**Session 1:** School-university partnerships: working together to help improve pupil outcomes  
Department for Education

**Session 2:** Widening access and employability  
upReach

**Session 3:** Widening access to medicine and healthcare  
Medical Schools Council

**Session 4:** What happens after widening participation into higher education: how do these students fare?

University of Essex

**Session 5:** Achieving and maintaining successful outreach in a school setting  
Dyke House Sports and Technology College

**Session 6:** Equality in higher education: UCAS' role  
UCAS

14.15 Keynote Address

**Kirsti Lord**, Deputy Chief Executive, Association of Colleges

14.45 Refreshments

15.05 Paper Sessions

**Session 7:** Access, progression and student success  
King's College London & Neil Raven, Independent Consultant

**Session 8:** Frameworks for engaging young people  
University of Derby & Sussex Learning Network

**Session 9:** Access, retention and success: how are institutions making inroads with these issues  
University of Exeter & AccessHE (London Higher)

**Session 10:** The importance of doing widening participation with, and not to, young people  
University of Sussex & Go Higher West Yorkshire

**Session 11:** Raising student attainment  
Kingston University & The Access Project

**Session 12:** A collaborative approach to supporting adult and teacher engagement  
Higher Education Progression Partnership & King's College London

**Session 13:** Working with parents and carers to widen access and participation  
King's College London & Sussex Learning Network

**Session 14:** Blurred boundaries in widening participation practices  
Lancaster University & Conservatoire for Dance and Drama

16.10 Keynote Address

**Ilyas Nagdee**, National Union of Students

16.40 NEON Members' Annual General Meeting

17.40 End of Day One

19.00 Pre-Dinner Drinks Reception

20.00 NEON Conference Dinner

**Programme Day two – Friday 22nd June**

- 8.30 Refreshments
- 9.00 Keynote Address  
**Sarah Howls**, Head of Access & Participation Funding and Programmes, Office for Students
- 09.35 Laboratory Sessions  
**Session 16:** Driving transformational change in access and participation  
Office for Students
- Session 17:** Widening access and the voluntary  
Brightside & Intouniversity
- Session 18:** Widening outreach: working in partnership with external organisations  
Greater Manchester Higher
- Session 19:** FE and HE academic views on widening access  
Keele University & University of Greenwich
- Session 20:** Inreach and Outreach: widening access in an FE setting  
Dudley College
- 10.40 Paper Sessions  
**Session 21:** Building resilience and breaking barriers  
University of Sussex & AccessHE
- Session 22:** Partnerships: an essential mechanism for widening access work  
Applied Inspiration & Study Higher
- Session 23:** Rationale behind the student based projects  
Go Higher West Yorkshire
- Session 24:** White working class boys: trying something new  
Shaping Futures & Study Higher
- Session 25:** Bringing greater inclusion for non-typical target groups  
Higher York & University of Sussex
- Session 26:** Looked after children  
Brunel University London & Go Higher West Yorkshire
- Session 27:** Evaluation & outreach  
City, University of London & Royal Veterinary College
- 11.40 Refreshments
- 12.00 Panel Discussion & Closing Plenary  
**Katie Adams**, National Senior Programme Manager - Widening Participation, Health Education England  
**Stephen Isherwood**, Chief Executive, Institute of Student Employers  
**Jayne Aldridge**, Director for the Student Experience, University of Sussex  
**Dr Graeme Atherton**, Director, NEON & Head, AccessHE
- 13.15 NEON in 2018-19 & Closing Remarks
- 13.25 Lunch and End of Event