



# Making Partnerships Sustainable

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# Thank you to our partners



# LEAPS Background



- “LEAPS is a unique partnership committed to widening access to higher education, supporting the development of aspiration and expectation of academic success in the young people with whom we work. Our aims are to raise the expectation of attainment in academic study, to encourage the view that access to higher education is realistic and achievable, and to support transitions into higher education.”

# History of LEAPS



Developed at The University of Edinburgh

- Summer School
- Schools Programme
- Pre-application service
- Re launch 2001 further investment
- Scottish Wider Access Forums

# History (continued)

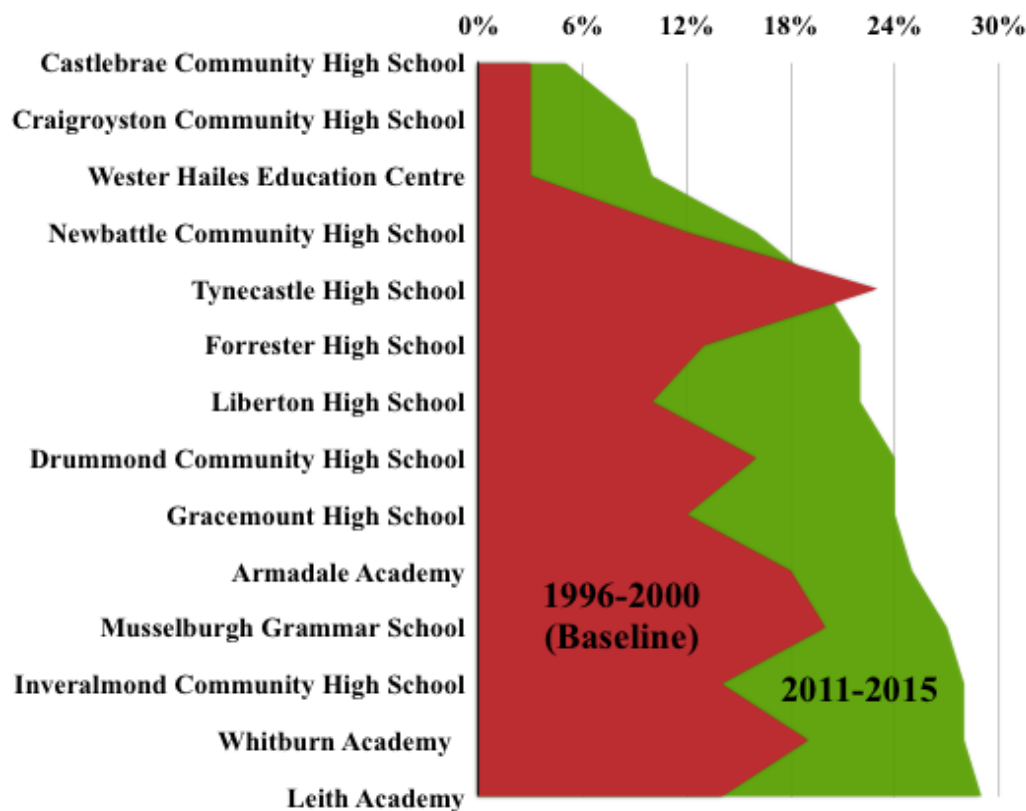


- 2010 Introduction of SHEP national schools programme
- Progression to Higher Education Stats
- 2014 First Minister Statement
- 2016 Commission on Widening Access
- 2018 School Engagement Framework
- 2018 School Engagement Toolkit

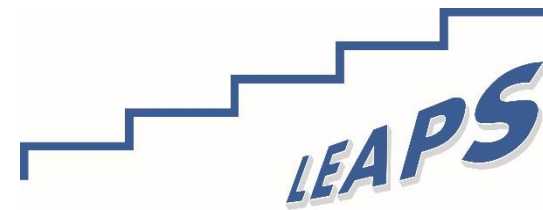
# Progression to HE



Percentage change in progression to higher education (Schools with historically low progression, national average = 38%)



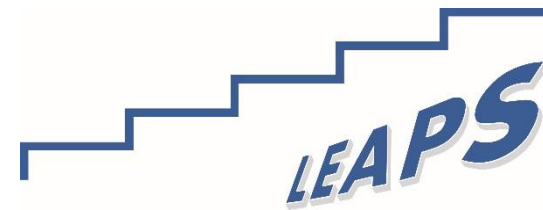
# Scottish First Minister



Nicola Sturgeon November 2014:

“ I want us to determine now that a child born today in one of our most deprived communities will, by the time he or she leaves school, have the same chance of going to university as a child born in one of our least deprived communities.”

# Blueprint for Fairness



## Recommendation 4:

“Universities, colleges, local authorities, schools, SFC funded access programmes and early years providers should work together to deliver a coordinated approach to access which removes duplication and provides a coherent and comprehensive offer to learners.”



# A Blueprint for Fairness



The Commission on Widening Access (CoWA)

Published March 2016:

34 Recommendations:

You can find them here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/blueprint-fairness-final-report-commission-widening-access/>

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