

‘A Socially Mobile Scotland?’ Social Mobility and Widening Access to Higher Education in Scotland: Policy, Practice and Research

Monday 31st March 2014, The Senate Room, Main Building, University of Glasgow

A national summit conference for Scotland, supported by the Forum for Access and Continuing Education (FACE), The FOCUS West Programme, CR&DALL and the University of Glasgow

This conference seeks to establish where we are now in Scotland with regard to social mobility and widening access to college and university. In addition to stimulating interest in the work of the Forum for Access and Continuing Education, a long-standing, UK-wide professional organisation for staff working in access and lifelong learning, the conference seeks to make stronger connections between the practitioner community and staff who work in policy and research.

The conference seeks to showcase innovative practice in the improvement of social mobility for young people and returners to education, in addition to providing a national platform to highlight creative solutions on the way forward for access and lifelong learning.

The conference welcomes participants from the university, college and school sectors – particularly senior managers, policy makers, practitioners and research staff in widening access/ participation and admissions and staff who work more broadly with young people and adult returners who have an interest in social mobility/ social inclusion.

AGENDA

- 0915 – 0945: Tea/ coffee and Refreshments
- 1000 – 1010: **PLENARY SESSION. Welcome to the University of Glasgow – Professor Frank Coton, Vice-Principal (Learning and Teaching), University of Glasgow**
- 1010 – 1020: Introduction to the Forum for Access and Continuing Education – **Professor John Storan, Chair of the Forum for Access and Continuing Education and Director of Continuum and Action on Access, University of East London**
- 1020 – 1100: ‘A Socially Mobile Scotland’ – **Mr Douglas Hamilton, Commissioner, Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission**
- 1100 – 1110: Widening Access Policy in Scotland and Outcome Agreements – **Mr Gordon Maloney, President, National Union for Students in Scotland**
- 1110 – 1130: Questions and Discussion
- 1130 – 1230: **Workshop 1. Choice of:**
- Widening Access to Higher Education for Young People in Schools (Melville Room) – **Mr Alistair Wilson, Senior Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde and Mr Jonathan Jones, Deputy Director UK Recruitment and Widening Participation, University of Glasgow**

- Articulation from College to University (Senate Room) – **Professor Anne McGillivray, Dean of Students, University of the West of Scotland**
- Widening Access/ Lifelong Learning with Adult Learners (Turnbull Room) – **Mr Kenneth Anderson, Director of the Scottish Wider Access Programme**

1230 – 1330: **Lunch and Poster Exhibition/Stand**s

1330 – 1430: **Panel Discussion:**

Developments in Research in Access and Lifelong Learning – **Professor Mike Osborne, Professor of Adult and Lifelong Education, University of Glasgow**

Social Mobility and the Role of the College Sector in Scotland – **Mr Eric Brownlie, Director of Learning and Teaching, Glasgow Clyde College**

Widening Access: The Local Authority Perspective – **Mrs Maureen McKenna, Executive Director of Education Services, Glasgow City Council**

This will be an interactive session, chaired by John Storan, and will involve responding to open and prepared questions that delegates have sent in advance, through the conference booking website.

1430 – 1515: **Workshop 2.** Choice of:

- Observations on Recent Research in Widening Access to Higher Education (Melville Room) – **Dr Elisabet Weedon, Deputy Director of the Centre for Research in Education Inclusion and Diversity, University of Edinburgh**
- Social Mobility and Widening Access to Study in Rural Communities (Senate Room) – **Ms Rosie Alexander, Careers Manager and Doctoral Candidate, University of the Highlands and Islands and Dr Pete Cannell, Depute Director, The Open University in Scotland**
- Community Links to Colleges and Universities: Adult Learning and Widening Access (Turnbull Room) – **Mr Jim Bradley, Senior Teaching Fellow, School of Education, University of Stirling**

1515-1530: **PLENARY SESSION: A Map for the Way Ahead in Scotland (Ms Shona Paul, Head of Partnerships, Glasgow School of Art); Evaluation and Close**

