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## **The 2015 UALL Annual Seminar**

***The crisis in part-time higher education and the mature student:  
Finding a way forward***

**Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London  
Thursday, 19 November 2015**

Part-time higher education provides many benefits for diverse groups of adult students: facilitating equity and mobility of provision, workforce development, plugging the skills gaps so often blamed for slowing productivity. Economic development depends on educating the adult population, yet part time higher education is in crisis and there is an urgent need to put it right. Barriers to mature entry to higher education need to be re-examined and new approaches to increasing participation need to be found.

The seminar will examine present issues in part-time study for mature students and will address the issue of how we can find a way forward in this important area of our work.

### **Programme**

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| 11.15 am | <b>Coffee and Registration</b>  |
| 11.35 am | <b>Welcome</b><br>The Rev'd Canon Professor Peter Neil, UALL Chair<br>Vice Chancellor, Bishop Grosseteste University                                |
| 11.45 pm | <b>Speaker:</b><br><b>Les Ebdon, Director, Office for Fair Access</b>   |
| 12.45 pm | Lunch   |
| 1.30 pm  | <b>Part-time HE: Ways Forward</b><br>Group discussion from the four nations:<br>England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland<br>Chair: Dr Rob Mark |
| 2.30 pm  | <b>Speaker:</b><br><b>Professor Claire Callender, Birkbeck, University of London<br/>and UCL Institute of Education</b>                             |
| 3.30 pm  | <b>Concluding Discussion</b><br>Refreshments available<br>Chair: Bill Jones   |

**Fee for Seminar, including lunch and refreshments:  
UALL members £90; non-UALL members £130**

The Seminar will be preceded by the UALL Members' Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting