

**Policy
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3rd Annual

Higher Education and Schools Partnerships Conference

Ensuring access; maintaining relationships

Thursday 19th May 2011, Westminster Studio, London SW1

Speakers include:

Sir Martin Harris

Director, **Office for Fair Access**

Professor Steve West

Vice-Chancellor,
University of the West of England

Stephen Grundy

National HE Programme
Co-ordinator, **Specialist Schools
and Academies Trust (SSAT)**

Dr Graeme Atherton

Executive Director, **Aimhigher
London West, Central and
North (WECAN) Partnership**

Andrew Rawson

Deputy Director, **Action on Access**

Kevin Mattinson

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Community
and Partnerships), **Keele University**



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With funding for Aimhigher due to end in July 2011, schools, colleges and HE institutions will be responsible for developing and maintaining individual partnerships. How will your organisation broker and maintain successful partnerships in the coming months?

The government's support for widening participation includes new guidance for access agreements, but some important questions remain around funding, and the support and resources HEIs will need to make available for them.

Hear from HE institutions leading the way on partnerships, who are already working independently with schools in sustainable ways that go beyond raising aspirations, such as curriculum enrichment, CPD for teachers, and support for the gifted and talented programme.

This conference will bring together vice-chancellors, head teachers and college principals, along with all those involved in partnerships and widening participation, to discuss the latest policy developments and the future for partnership working.

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Agenda (subject to change)

09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

Session One:

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Setting the scene

- 10:00 Welcome and introduction from conference chair
Wes Streeting, Chief Executive, Helena Kennedy Foundation
- 10:15 Widening participation in a changing landscape
Prof. Steve West, Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of England
- 10:35 Access agreements: obligations and opportunities
Sir Martin Harris, Director, Office for Fair Access
- 10:55 Keynote address
Check website for speaker updates
- 11:10 Questions and discussion

11:30 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Three:

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Creating sustainable partnerships

- 14:00 What do schools want? Results from a direct funding pilot
Dr Graeme Atherton, Executive Director, Aimhigher London West, Central and North (WECAN) Partnership
- 14:20 Successful partnerships with specialist schools and academies
Stephen Grundy, National HE Programme Co-ordinator, Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT)
- 14:40 Building a comprehensive partnership programme
Steve Kendall, Associate Dean of Partnerships, University of Bedfordshire
- 15:00 Questions and discussion

15:15 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Two:

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Maintaining partnerships during austerity

- 12:00 Making use of the Aimhigher legacy
Andrew Rawson, Deputy Director, Action on Access
- 12:20 Pooling resources: how HEIs can work together on partnerships
Kevin Mattinson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Community and Partnerships), Keele University
- 12:40 IAG in an age of austerity: supporting and delivering information, advice and guidance
Liam Owens, Head of Student Recruitment, Edge Hill University and Chair, Higher Education Liaison Officers Association (HELOA)
- 12:50 Questions and discussion

13:00 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

Session Four:

Key issue seminars

15:45 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

1 Interviews and the admissions process: working together to prepare applicants
Annie Doyle, Senior Project Officer, Supporting Professionalism in Admissions (SPA)

2 Inspiring pupils to progress into STEM subjects
Jo Hutchinson, Deputy Head of Centre, International Centre for Guidance Studies (iCeGS), University of Derby

16:30 Close of conference

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Purpose of the Conference:

Specifically this conference will:

- Map the changing policy landscape for both HEIs and schools, in light of the Browne Review and the Schools White Paper
- Explore new ways of working directly with schools after the dissolution of Aimhigher, and how HEIs can work together to broker and maintain partnerships with local schools and colleges
- Examine how HEIs can work together, pooling resources to develop partnerships
- Examine the needs of different types of schools, including specialist schools and academies
- Outline strategies for successful partnerships outside the widening participation agenda, including curriculum enrichment, CPD for teachers, support for the English Baccalaureate and bringing research into the classroom
- Hear from a pilot project exploring direct funding to schools for collaboration with HEIs
- Hear from OFFA on the specific obligations HEIs will have for outreach activities under the new access agreements
- Provide an opportunity to network with others working to develop and maintain partnerships between schools and HE

Who should attend:

From Schools:

- Head Teachers
- IAG Co-ordinators
- FE and HE Co-ordinators
- Heads of sixth form
- Teachers

From Higher Education Institutions and Further Education Colleges:

- Vice-Chancellors
- Principals
- Pro-Vice-Chancellors
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 - > Widening Participation
 - > Aimhigher
 - > Curriculum and Quality
- > Strategy and Planning
- > Teaching and Learning
- > Communications, Marketing and Recruitment
- > Educational Partnerships
- Professors and Lecturers
- Schools and Colleges liaison officers
- Higher Education Co-ordinators
- Student Advisors
- Young people's university co-ordinators
- Academic Development Tutors
- Work-based Learning and Work-related Learning Co-ordinators

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