

Success and Progression for Every Student: Closing the Gap in Ethnicity-Related Disparities

Central London (Zone 1) | 18th July 2018

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction

⇒ **Dr Gurnam Singh**, *National Teaching Fellow & Principal Lecturer in Social Work, Coventry University*

Morning Keynote

- The current policy landscape: The OfS and their aim to “promote equality of opportunity” in HE
 - The importance of data & measuring progress in ensuring targeted, value-added interventions
- ⇒ **Kirsty Johnson**, *HE Policy Adviser, Access & Participation Funding & Programmes, Office for Students*

11.05 **Morning Session: The BAME Student Experience**

- Making HEIs more inclusive environments & increasing support to BAME students
 - Developing a whole institution approach to reducing disparities, including 2019-20 participation plans
 - Pro-active steps to reducing BAME non-continuation rates
 - Ensuring staff reflect the students & implementing ambassador programmes
 - Using the TEF to model & account for racial attainment gaps
 - The role of teaching staff & embedding race equality in the curriculum
 - Student voice: being BAME in higher education
- ⇒ **Dr Debra Cureton**, *Research Development Manager, University of Wolverhampton*
- ⇒ **Ilyas Nagdee**, *Black Students' Officer, NUS*

13.00 Networking Lunch

13.45 **Afternoon Session: Results and Destinations**

- Improving BAME students' results: measures HEIs can take to address the attainment gap
- Addressing barriers to student success
- Providing careers advice & supporting BAME students to find employment
- Improving outcomes & supporting positive destinations
- Actions to ensure more BAME students enter further study: from the recruitment process to culture change

15.30 Event Close

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