

# Narrowing the Gap in HE Outcomes:

## Tackling Ethnicity-Related Disparities in Retention, Attainment & Outcomes

Event to be held in Central London | Thursday, 14th December 2017

### 11.00 Chair's Introduction

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

### 11.05 The Sector Response & Developing a Whole Institution Approach

- The national picture & developing strategic approaches
- The importance of data & measuring progress
- The role of senior leadership

⇒ **Kirsty Johnson**, Higher Education Policy Adviser, HEFCE

### 12.00 Reducing BAME Non-Continuation Rates

- Pro-active steps HEIs can take to address the reasons why BAME students drop out
- Making HEIs more inclusive environments, offering greater support & improving the BAME student experience
- The role of student unions

⇒ **Kanja Sesay**, EDI Adviser (Students), Oxford Brookes University

### 13.00 Networking Lunch

### 13.45 Improving BAME Students' Results

- Measures HEIs can take to address the attainment gap
- The role of teaching staff & improving the learning environment to deliver change
- Implementing student ambassador programmes

⇒ **Dr Sammy Li**, Equality & Diversity Advisor for Students, University of Birmingham

⇒ **Nathan Ghann**, Student Transformation Lead, Hertfordshire Business School

### 14.45 Improving BAME Students' Further Study & Employment Outcomes

- Actions to ensure more BAME students enter further study
- Providing careers advice & supporting BAME students to find employment

⇒ **Helen Smith**, Head of Careers, Employability & Employer Engagement, Loughborough University and AGCAS Director for Social Mobility

### 15.45 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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