

Meeting the Challenge of APP Targets: Boosting Student Access, Participation and Outcomes

The event will take place online | 13th October 2020

10.00	Chair's Introduction—<i>Anand Shukla, Past Chief Executive, Brightside</i>
10.10	Strategy: Reviewing Access & Participation Plan Targets against OfS Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing APPs for the 2020/21 – 2024/25 period• Making the most significant contribution you can to progress against the OfS KPMs• Taking a “Whole Institution approach” to APPs: Ensuring your whole University engages ⇒ <i>Elizabeth Garnham, Access and Participation Plan Manager, Directorate for Fair Access and Participation, Office for Students (OfS)</i>
10.40	Generation COVID-19: a confidence and contact challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding the UCAS applicant and their critical decision-making factors• Exploring how COVID-19 impacted on progress in WP for the 2020 entry cycle• Sharing insights as to the potential lasting impact of COVID-19 on student behaviour in 2021 and beyond• Discussing how UCAS is working with partners to enable aspirational student choice ⇒ <i>Carys Fisher, Senior Policy Executive, UCAS</i>
11.10	Getting in: Admissions & Retention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing entry rate gaps: Piloting schemes which widen access to disadvantaged groups• Successfully targeting and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds• Tackling gaps in drop-out rates between the most and least represented groups• Improving widening participation for pre-arrivals ⇒ <i>Laura Gray, Chief Executive, Brightside</i>
11.30	Morning Break

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11.50	Strategy— Reviewing Different Institution’s Approach to APPs ⇒ <i>Liz Carlisle, Head of Admissions, Sheffield University</i>
12.10	⇒ <i>Nicola Peacock, Head of Widening Participation, Royal College of Music</i>
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Success Within: Attainment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring current trends in student attainment between advantaged and disadvantaged groups• Innovative ways to close the degree attainment gap• Developing and implementing extra services offered by your institution to support students ⇒ <i>Lorraine Gearing, Director of Educational Strategies, Coventry University</i>
14.00	Getting on: Progression & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing placements, work experience and internship programmes on offer• Proactive actions to promote further study• Next steps: Adopting longer-term outcomes-led approaches• <i>David Wooley, Director of Student and Community Engagement, Nottingham Trent University</i>
15.00	Chair’s Summary of Day & Event Close