

Research Conference: 'Promoting Equity in Higher Education'

27 – 28 January 2010
Eastwood Hall, Nottingham

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Wednesday 27 January 2010

From 9.30	Registration and coffee; poster set-up
10.30 – 10.35 (Lawrence)	Opening remarks: Prof. Liz Thomas, Higher Education Academy
10.35 – 11.05 (Lawrence)	Welcome address: 'Linking widening participation and equity research with policy and practice'. Prof. Mary Stuart, Vice-Chancellor, University of Lincoln
11.05 – 12.30	Parallel sessions: paper presentations
12.30 – 13.30 (Restaurant)	LUNCH
13.30 – 14.00 (Lawrence)	Keynote address: 'Using academic research to improve the learning experience of diverse student groups'. Prof. Miriam David, Institute of Education and former Assoc. Director (HE), ESRC Teaching and Learning Research Programme
14.00 – 15.00	Parallel sessions: capacity building workshops
15.00 – 15.30	Tea/coffee break

15.30 – 16.30 **Parallel sessions:** capacity building workshops

16.30 – 17.30
(Lawrence) **Panel debate:** 'Squaring the circle: putting research at the heart of the equity agenda'.
Chair: Prof. Liz Thomas
Panellists:

- Prof. Penny Jane Burke, Roehampton University
- Susan Hatt, University of the West of England
- Sarah Howls, Higher Education Funding Council for England
- Prof. Geoff Layer, University of Bradford
- Aaron Porter, NUS

17.30 **Close Day 1 proceedings**

19.00
(Lounge/Lawrence) **Pre-dinner drinks reception and Poster session**

19.45
(Lawrence) **Conference dinner**

Day 2: Thursday 28 January 2010

9.15 – 9.20
(Lawrence) **Welcome to Day 2 proceedings:**
Dr Helen May, Higher Education Academy

9.20 – 10.00
(Lawrence) **Keynote address:** 'Relationships between equity research and practice: reflections on developing an inclusive curriculum'.
Prof. Mick Healey, University of Gloucestershire

10.00 – 11.20 **Parallel sessions:** paper presentations

11.20 – 11.45 **Coffee break**

**11.45 – 12.30
(Lawrence)**

Policy panel: ‘Using research to inform policy’.
Chair: John Pritchard, Asst. Director, Higher Education
Academy

Panellists:

- Jon Gray, Scottish Funding Council
- Sarah Howls, Higher Education Funding Council
for England
- Jane Johns, Higher Education Funding Council for
Wales.

**12.30 – 13.30
(Dining room)**

LUNCH

13.30 – 14.30

Parallel sessions: capacity building workshops

**14.30 – 15.30
(Lawrence)**

Institutional forum: ‘Using research to inform
institutional strategies’.

Panellists:

- Patrick Allen, University of Bradford
- Val Chapman, University of Worcester
- Helen James, Glyndwr University
- John Rushforth, University of the West of England

**15.30 – 15.45
(Lawrence)**

Closing remarks

15.45

End of conference proceedings