

Access to Higher Education Summit: The Bottom Line

Tuesday 23 October 2012

Woburn House Conference Centre, London, WC1H 9HQ

Agenda (Subject to change)

9.30 Registration and refreshments

Session 1

10.00 Welcome and introductions from Chair (AM)

Professor John Storan, Director, Centre for Widening Participation Policy Studies, University of East London and Director, Action on Access

10.10 Overview of the policy arena and political developments in widening access

Professor Eric Thomas, President, Universities UK and Vice-Chancellor of University of Bristol

10.30 Highlighting the importance of widening access to higher education to securing future economic growth

Professor Anna Vignoles, Director, Centre for Economics of Education (CEE), Institute of Education

10.50 Keynote address

Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Liberal Democrats (Invited)

11.10 Questions and discussions

11.30 Refreshment break

Session 2

12.00 Discussion Groups

1. Students as partners in delivering the access agenda

Representatives, NUS and SU/HEI

2. Access to HE Diplomas and the impact of AAB Policy

Kath Dentith, Head of Access, Quality Assurance Agency

3. How admission can support widening participation activities

Janet Graham, Director, Supporting Professionalism in Admissions (SPA)

4. Retention

Professor Liz Thomas, University and Senior Adviser for Widening Participation Higher Education Academy

5. Adult Participation

Representative, NIACE

6. Widening Participation Equality Tools

Representative, Equality Challenge Unit

13.00 Lunch

Session 3

14.00 Welcome and introductions from Chair (PM)

Martin Doel, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges (AOC)

14.05 Keynote

Rt. Hon. Alan Milburn, Government Adviser, Social Mobility (Invited)

14.30 Panel session

*Liam Burns, President, National Union of Students
David Barrett, Assistant Director, Office for Fair Access
Andy Westwood, Chief Executive, GuildHE
Julie Tam, Head of Analysis, Universities UK*

15.10 Questions and discussion with panellists

15.50 Putting this altogether; what can we learn from this in going forward?

Martin Doel, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges (AOC)

16.00 Close of conference - refreshments and opportunity for informal networking

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