

Widening Participation in Higher Education

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Please reserve me a place at the conference at a day delegate rate of £125/£50 *

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Workshop	11.00 am.		12.00 pm.		3.00 pm.		
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Individual Requirements It is our intention, wherever possible, to ensure that delegate requirements are met. Please specify individual requirements below:							
Please post or fax your form to arrive by the closing date of Friday 28 November 2003.							
The conference has fees of £125 and £50. The fee includes refreshments, a buffet lunch and conference papers where applicable							
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This conference will share and explore successful retention strategies and practice in a variety of contexts. The aim is to:

- Share practice on the ground in a reflective and evaluative manner;
- Encompass a broad understanding of retention activity, covering work at all stages in the student lifecycle, including the retention of students across the sectors from school through college to higher education;
- Look at student retention on a range of full and part-time programmes in a variety of contexts, including FE colleges, schools, workplace and distance learning settings, as well as universities;
- Cover activity for a wide range of different students including students with disabilities;

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Aimhigher: P4P staff
- Aimhigher (Excellence Challenge) staff
- Subject centres
- Disability and equality officers
- Sector representative bodies
- HE and FE lecturers
- Learning support staff
- Academic managers from FE and HE
- Teaching and learning developers
- Access practitioners
- Widening participation officers
- Quality managers
- Admissions tutors
- Personal tutors
- FE colleges
- Members of local Learning and Skills Councils

COST

- Institutional/organisational fee for those attending in a representational capacity £125
- Individuals attending in a personal capacity/voluntary organisations/project workers £50

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Bookings will be confirmed in writing during week commencing 1 December. Cancellations, in writing, will attract a 50% refund if received before 21 November. Action on Access reserves the right to make alterations or substitutions to the programme.

Programme

9.30 am	Registration
10.00 am	Welcome and introductions Geoff Layer, Director, Action on Access
10.10 am	Keynote address and questions: John Cater, Principal, Edge Hill
10.50 am	Coffee

- 11.00 am Parallel sessions
 - A. Support for mature learners at work UNISON
 - B. Raising Aspirations and Promoting Progression to Higher Education: How partnership activities work to improve retention Wendy Chapman and Sarah Derbyshire, Leeds Metropolitan University
 - C. Retention A pre-entry issue Emma Stephenson, Brent Partnership Aimhigher.
 - D. Bursaries: Do they make a difference? Sue Hatt, University of the West of England
 - E. Supporting Health Care Students with Disability in the Clinical Environment Victoria Eathorne, Cornwall NHS Trust
 - F. The Critical Skills Programme –provides teachers and others working with young people with structures, strategies and techniques to learn, acquire life skills and raise self-esteem Rick Lee, Barrow Community Learning Partnership

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- D. Mental Health, Diversity & Vulnerability: alternative approaches to student mental health in HE Alex Brown, University of Plymouth
- E. **Virtual Learning Environments and their potential for impacting upon retention** Mark Schofield and Sue Palmer, Edge Hill
- F. The growing role of teaching assistants: improving effectiveness through reflection on practice Richard Tyrer, University of Plymouth Teaching Assistants' On-Line Community

12.50 pm **Lunch**

1.45 pm **Keynote address and questions:**

Margaret Dundas, Scottish Funding Council Co-ordinator for Widening Participation

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