

Enhancements to the Standards of Evidence for Access and Participation Plans: Report Launch

This collaborative research project, funded by the UKRI's Policy Support Fund and endorsed by the Office for Students (OfS), reports findings and recommendations for reinforcing and enhancing the OfS's <u>Standards of Evaluation Evidence</u>. The research also provides insights for strengthening evaluation evidence, collectively and individually, amongst a diverse group of NERUPI member higher education providers, and recommendations for practice.

11.30 Welcome and Introductions

Professor Matt Dickson, Institute for Policy research (IPR), University of Bath

11.35 Keynote: Suzanne Carrie, Office for Students

Suzanne will reflect on the research on behalf of the Directorate for Access and Participation. Suzanne is responsible for regulatory activity related to equality of opportunity and also works with other senior staff to develop the OfS approach to student insight, input and information.

II.50 Introduction to the research and partner panel, Joanne Moore, University of Bath, Jasmin Burnage, University of East London, Rebecca Harland, University of Law & Jonathan Schulte, London School of Economics Joanne will introduce the project and the collaborative partners will reflect on the evidence standards and talk about how they are strengthening their evaluation and their involvement in the research.

12.10 Keynote: <u>Professor Antony Moss</u>, London South Bank University (LSBU)

Tony Moss, Pro Vice Chancellor Education and Student Experience at LSBU and a member of the project reference group, will speak about the impact for higher education providers.

12.20 Keynote: <u>Dr Anna Anthony</u>, Higher Education Access Track (HEAT)

Anna Anthony, Director of HEAT will reflect on the implications for HEAT members and the Higher Education Evidence Library (HEEL).

12.30 Standards of Evidence recommendations: Discussion Groups

Participants will have the chance to discuss the recommendations emerging from the research for enhancements to the Standards of Evidence for Access and Participation.

12.50 Round-up and next steps

Annette Hayton, NERUPI Convenor, Senior Research Fellow, University of Bath will make final reflections and describe the next steps.

13.00 Close