

Embedding the NERUPI Framework in your Access and Participation Plan

In February, John Blake, the new Director for Fair Access and Participation at the Office for Students, set out his priorities for the next four years. Underpinning these priorities is an expectation that higher education providers will significantly increase the volume and quality of evaluation across their access and participation activity, and that the sector generates rigorous and objective evidence of what does and does not work in raising school attainment, improving access to and student success in higher education, and securing good graduate outcomes.

The phased approach to the delivery of these new Office for Students priorities includes institutions requesting variations to their existing 2023-24 plans by the end of July 2022, and the expectation that providers will submit new, four-year access and participation plans in the summer of 2023. In 2020-21 access and participation plans, 75% of English higher education providers who were NERUPI members referenced NERUPI in their plans finding it a useful basis for planning, evaluation and dissemination.

This event, aimed at access and participation managers and evaluators, will explore how the NERUPI framework can be used to develop and embed an evaluation strategy that will provide a rigorous and objective evidence base across institutional access and participation activity.

Programme

- ♦ **09:45** **Virtual Coffee and Registration**

- ♦ **10:00** **Introduction**
Annette Hayton, NERUPI Convenor

- ♦ **10:15** **Members' practice examples**
Our panel of NERUPI members will discuss why they chose to adopt the NERUPI Framework and share their experience of how they have been employing and embedding it into their evaluation strategies and access and participation plans.
Jo Astley, Evaluation and Evidence Manager, **University of Derby**
Charlotte Wheatland, Head of Outreach, University of East Anglia,
Maddison Taylor, Access and Participation Manager, **University of Sussex**

- ♦ **11:30** **Break**

- ♦ **11:45** **Facilitated Group Discussions**
♦ In this session participants will have the opportunity to discuss and consider how the NERUPI Framework might support the development evaluation strategies to support their variation request, and look to the future, with the planning of their new access and participation plans

- ♦ **12:30** **Feedback and Next Steps**

- ♦ **13:00** **Close**