

Programme (*Subject to change*)

Thursday 25 May

- 09.30-11.00 **Registration and Refreshments with Exhibitors**
- 11.00 **Introduction and Housekeeping, Introduction to the Chair**
Susan Hayday, Curriculum and HE Manager, Association of Colleges
- 11.15 **Chair's Welcome**
David Young, Chair, HEFCE Board
- 11.25 **Plenary: HEFCE Policy on HE in FE**
Steve Egan, Acting Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
- Questions from the floor*
- 12.00 **HE in the Regions**
A short film showcasing how three different colleges contribute to the regional agenda
- 12.20 **Panel Discussion: HE Strategy and the Regional Agenda**
Chair: Roger Lewis, Regional Consultant for the NW and Y&H, HEFCE
Mike Galloway, Principal, York College
Elaine McMahon, Principal, Hull College
Professor Gareth Rees, Principal, Askham Bryan College
- Questions from the floor*
- 12.50 **Chair's Round Up**
- 13.00 **Lunch with the Exhibitors**
- 14.30 **Plenary: HE in FE - At the Forefront of Government's Agenda**
Dr. John Brennan, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges
- Questions from the floor*
- 14.55 *Move to workshops*
- 15.05 **Discussion Groups - (facilitator's name in brackets)**
Tea and Coffee will be available in the workshop rooms
Group 1 - Ballroom (Rob Fiddy, City College Norwich)
Group 2 - Ballroom (Ken Woodcock, Cornwall College)
Group 3 - Committee Room (Simon Ives, Northbrook College Sussex)
Group 4 - Syndicate 133 (Susan Hayday, Association of Colleges)
Group 5 - Syndicate 134 (Tansi Harper, HEFCE)
Group 6 - Drawing Room (David Noyce, HEFCE)
Group 7 - Reading Room (John Selby, HEFCE)

Delegates move into groups to discuss key policy issues arising from the morning presentations. Feedback proformas from the discussion groups will be collected at the end of the session and key issues presented as part of day two's final plenary session.

16.30 **Plenary: Meeting College Recruitment Needs; The Changing Role of UCAS**
Anthony McClaran, Chief Executive, UCAS

Questions from the floor

17.00 **Keynote Address:**
Post Foster: The Future Role of HE in FE
Bill Rammell MP, Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education

Questions from the floor

17.50 **Chair's Round Up**

18.00 Close of day one

19.15 **Drinks Reception with Exhibitors**

20.00 **Dinner in the Ballroom**

"Wild Horses" performed by students of the Barnsley College Performing Arts Department.

The inspiration for the dance piece comes from the lyrics of a song named 'Wild Horses'. The theme of the piece is success and the route that young people have to take in order to achieve it. Hence, the dance comprises shorter dances which explore the ideas of work, taking risks, overcoming obstacles, facing challenges and grasping opportunities.

The dances have been choreographed by staff and students from the Performing Arts Department at Barnsley College. The students are 1st and 2nd year students on a Btec National Diploma in Performing Arts specialising in dance.

Dance tutors are Liz McPolin and Zoe Dyson

Ex-students 'Mad for Dance' project are Jo Wilson and Katie Pearson

Friday 26 May

08.30 **Registration** (delegates attending day two only); **Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors**

09.00 **Housekeeping, Introduction to the Chair**
Susan Hayday, Curriculum and HE Manager, Association of Colleges

09.05 **Chair's Welcome**
Jackie Fisher, Principal, Newcastle College and HEFCE Board member

09.15 **Plenary: Overview of American Community Colleges**
David Baime, Vice President for Government Relations, American Association of Community Colleges

- 09.25 **Discussion:** Points of Comparison: Associate degrees and Foundation degrees
David Baime, Vice President for Government Relations, American Association of
Community Colleges in conversation with Derek Longhurst, Director, Foundation
Degree Forward
- 09.55 **Panel Discussion: Facilitating Employer Engagement**
Chair: Jackie Fisher, Principal, Newcastle College and HEFCE Board member
Linda Florance, Chief Executive, Skillfast-UK
Mark Mabey, Regional Development Manager, East Midlands, Foundation Degree
Forward
Jacqui Canton, Graduate and Apprentice Liaison Officer, Jarvis
- Questions from the floor*
- 10.35 **Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors**
(Please note that this is the last opportunity with the exhibition)
- 11.00 **Workshops - delegates to attend one of the following:**
- A** **UCAS - Meeting the Recruitment and Data Needs of Colleges** - Committee Room
Chair: Michelle Fraser, Director of HE Curriculum, Newcastle College
Presenter: Janet Pearce, Policy and Development Manager, UCAS
- B** **Partnerships with HEIs - Opportunities and Challenges of Multiple Partnerships** -
Syndicate 133
Chair: Nicola Oates, Regional Consultant - North East, HEFCE
Presenter: Gill Alton, Vice Principal, Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher
Education
- C** **HE Strategy - Is your Strategy Fit-for-Purpose?** - Reading Room
Chair: Tansi Harper, Regional Consultant, HEFCE
Presenter: John Widdowson, Principal and Chief Executive, New College Durham
- D** **HEFCE Funding - Flexing up for Future Needs** - Syndicate 134
Chair: Wendy Staples, Policy Manager, HEFCE
Presenters: Chris Taylor, Policy Officer and Thomas Brain, Funding Round Project
Manager, HEFCE
- E** **Enhancing the HE Experience in FE Colleges** - Drawing Room
Chair: Colin Rainey, Senior Advisor for HE in FE, The Higher Education Academy
Presenter: Hugh Butcher, Consultant, The Higher Education Academy
- F** **QAA - A New Relationship with Colleges** - Ballroom
Chair: Gillian Hayes, Head of Operations_Programme Review, QAA
Presenters: Penny McCracken, Assistant Director, QAA and Wendy Stubbs, Assistant
Director, QAA

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- 12.00 *Delegates return to the main room*
- 12.05 **Plenary: LSC HE Policy**
Jon Gamble, Director of Lifelong Learning and Learning Development, Learning and Skills Council (LSC)
- 12.15 **Taking Forward HE in FE Policy and Strategy**
John Selby, Acting Director of Widening Participation, HEFCE
Susan Hayday, Curriculum and HE Manager, Association of Colleges
- 12.25 Discussion and Summing up
- 12.45 Lunch and Conference Close