

This event is organised by the Yorkshire and Humberside Progression Partnership. We consist of three widening participation projects; the York Progression Partnership, Leeds Metropolitan University and partner further education colleges and the Building Pathways Project partnership in South Yorkshire.

We work closely with the two Authorised Validating Agencies in the region - South Yorkshire and Humber Region Open College Network and West and North Yorkshire Open College Network.

Guest Speakers

Clive Macdonald, Director, Student Services Centre, Sheffield Hallam University

Margaret Coleman, Chief Executive of the West Yorkshire LSC

Maggie Greenwood, Project Leader for the recent LSDA research on Access

Jane Storr, Director, West and North Yorkshire Open College Network

A FRESH LOOK AT ACCESS

DATE

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2003
9.30 AM TO 4.00 PM

VENUE

CEDAR COURT HOTEL
(JUNCTION 39 M1)
DENBY DALE ROAD
CALDER GROVE
WAKEFIELD

FEE FOR EVENT £35

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Access to HE programmes have for many years provided the most successful route into higher education for non-traditional adult learners. During the last three years of HEFCE/LSC project funding for widening participation in higher education a number of joint FE/HE initiatives have focused on Access to HE programmes. Looking ahead to Partnerships for Progression, the new joint HEFCE/LSC project funding for widening participation in HE, it is recognised that Access will continue to have a significant role to play. At the same time there is the challenge to Access providers to take a fresh look at their programmes in the context of the national and regional widening participation agenda.

This event provides an opportunity to

- hear about recent national research on Access programmes in FE colleges
- obtain an LSC perspective on Access and widening participation
- consider one university's approach to Access learners and widening participation
- look in detail at a number of new approaches to Access in the Yorkshire and Humberside region
- consider the role of Access in widening participation in higher education

The conference will be of interest to

- University staff – lecturers, admissions staff
- FE college lecturers developing and teaching on Access programmes
- Other providers of Access programmes
- Educational guidance staff in universities, FE colleges, adult guidance services
- Open College Networks
- Widening Participation projects
- Learning and Skills Councils

Workshops

There are six workshops. Please indicate your preferences on the registration form enclosed and we will send confirmation of your workshop choices nearer the time of the conference.

PROGRAMME

9.30	Arrival, registration, tea and coffee
10.00	Jane Storr, West and North Yorkshire Open College Network Access: An overview
10.15	Margaret Coleman, Chief Executive West Yorkshire Learning and Skills Council LSC Strategy and Access
10.45	Maggie Greenwood, Learning and Skills Development Agency Access courses – where are they going? Recent LSDA Research
11.20	Break (coffee to be taken in workshops)
11.30	Workshops 1
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Clive Macdonald, Director Student Services Centre, Sheffield Hallam University Access to HE and P4P. One university's perspective on Access.
2.00	Questions and Discussion
2.30	Workshops 2
3.30	Departure