

Uni Connect London Virtual Conference for Teachers and Advisers:

INNOVATING THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Date: Monday 22nd June 2020
Time: 10:00 to 12:30
Virtual Platform: Zoom
Cost: FREE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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| Rachel Green | Education Manager | <i>The Careers and Enterprise Company</i> |
| Kirsty Johnson | Access & Participation Manager | <i>Office for Students</i> |

PROGRAMME

10:00 Office for Students: Uni Connect

Kirsty Johnson Access & Participation Manager

10:10 Collaborative partnership and innovation | London Uni Connect

Dr. Richard Boffey Deputy Head (AccessHE)

Dr. Debra Ibbotson Uni Connect Outreach Hub Manager (Aimhigher London)

10:20 “Thinking nationally, supporting locally” | The Careers & Enterprise Company

Rachel Green Education Manager (East)

10:30 Session 1: Parallel Workshops

Rachel Green, Education Manager (East) | The Careers & Enterprise Company

Positive Approaches to tackling The Gatsby Benchmarks

The gold standard of careers education, outlined in the Gatsby Benchmarks, has posed challenges for many, as schools and colleges strive to provide the most meaningful

and impactful support for their young people. In the current climate, some of these challenges feel even bigger. With a focus on the personalisation of careers education, an exploration of online encounters and their place in meeting Benchmarks 5, 6 and 7, this workshop seeks to explore some of these challenges and some of the innovative ways they are being met around the country.

Sophia Mousoulides, Partnership Manager (Pre-16) | University of East London

In it for the long run: Building effective partnerships

This workshop will focus on the methods that UEL's Pre-16 Team, based in Outreach and Access, have used to build a successful, sustained approach to working with local schools. We will look at the flexible progression framework that has been built to offer schools opportunities to join in on UEL Outreach and Access activities whilst facilitating schools' priorities in line with Gatsby and their careers strategy and UEL's targeting in line with the Access and Participation Plan. Finally, we will touch upon the transformation of delivery under Covid-19.

Poppy Hudghton, Student Recruitment and Widening Participation Manager | Queen Mary, University of London

Smooth transitions: how to prepare year 13s for life beyond school whilst in lockdown

This session will share what some schools in London have been doing to engage and support their year 13s since examinations were cancelled this year, and how you can apply it to your own setting. We'll also hear from Queen Mary, University of London about how they are supporting incoming students to transition them smoothly to a higher education environment.

11:15 BREAK

11:30 Session 2: Parallel Workshops

Bev Pullen, Senior Recruitment Officer (Schools) | University of Roehampton

Preparing a personal statement: how students can reference activities taken part in during lockdown.

This session is designed to aid you in advising students how to best reference activities they may have taken part in during lockdown on their personal statements. These activities may be listening to podcasts, completing extra reading, partaking in online lectures and taster sessions. During the workshop Bev will guide you through how students can structure personal statements with this in mind, and how to link them to academic studies and key transferable skills which need to be demonstrated in their personal statements.

Bradley Davis, Apprenticeship, Skills and Knowledge (ASK) Adviser | Amazing Apprenticeships

Janet Rowson, Head of Degree Apprenticeships | University of West London

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships: what you need to know

Amazing Apprenticeships, a key partner of DfE, will outline the current higher and degree apprenticeships offer. The session will also describe the support available to students and careers leads around finding, applying for, and studying a higher and degree apprenticeship.

Kiran Sandhu, Widening Access Officer | Brunel University London

Mind the Gap: attainment raising and COVID-19

This session will outline best practice in attainment raising initiatives for disadvantaged groups. We will consider 'what works' in attainment raising and why it is more important now than ever.

Charmaine Valente, Funding Information Partners Account Manager (South London) | Student Loans Company

Financial support

This session will delve into the nitty-gritty of student finance and equip you to speak to your students about it, covering everything from applications to graduation. Get the latest on bursaries, student hardship funds, and policies around repayment. We will also take a closer look at specific groups and how to support their finances.

12:15

Closing Remarks & Networking

To register for the conference, visit <https://uni-connect-virtual-conference-london.eventbrite.co.uk> or get in touch with Jenna Darby at Aim Higher London by emailing j.darby@kingston.ac.uk