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### News in Brief

#### Annual conference latest!

Professor Martin Hall, Vice Chancellor at the University of Salford will be giving the opening keynote address at this year's [FACE conference at the University of Ulster](#) on the 4th July 2012. Professor Hall recently produced a stimulus paper for the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education entitled "Inequality and Higher Education: marketplace or social justice?" He will be drawing on this and also his experience at Salford and before this in South African Higher Education in his keynote speech to conference.

#### FACE Executive welcomes new members

Stella Lees, Outreach Manager at Bournemouth University and Ross Renton, Dean of Students at the University of Hertfordshire will both be joining the FACE Executive committee. The [FACE Executive next meets](#) on the 5th March at the Institute of Education.

## Extra financial support for students in Liverpool

We would like to draw the attention of colleagues in Liverpool to a source of additional financial support for students whose home address is inside of the Liverpool City Council boundary. Download [further details and the application form](#) for the Alderman Frederick Smith Bequests and Holt Education Trusts, available for undergraduates.

## New Year Honour for Tony Acland

Tony Acland, a long serving member of the FACE Executive and recently retired as Director of Aimhigher Hampshire and Isle of Wight, has been awarded an MBE.

Those of you who know Tony will also know of the tremendous contribution he has made, not only to FACE, but in each and every role he has had in Higher Education. It is no surprise therefore that the MBE was given in recognition of his services to HE with a strong emphasis, I would add, on access and widening participation.



So, many congratulations to Tony for this enormously deserved acknowledgment of his contribution to access and HE participation. We are hoping that Tony Acland MBE will continue on the FACE Executive so that we, in turn, can also continue to benefit from his experience and operational knowledge.

John Storan  
FACE Chair

## Access to HE Summit Success

On the 28th November 2011 in London, FACE joined forces with UUK, NUS, Action on Access, NIACE, HEA, ECU and AoC to organise the first annual Access to HE Summit. The Summit attracted delegates from throughout the Higher Education sector and beyond.

Many FACE members attended, and FACE had a stand at the Summit which received an enormous amount of attention from the large number of delegates attending.



Keynote speakers included: Rt. Hon. Alan Milburn MP, Nicola Dandridge, UUK Chief Executive; John Storan, FACE Chair, Director of Continuum, and Director of Action on Access; David Ruebain, ECU Chief Executive.

Throughout the day, there was also an impressive series of workshop sessions for delegates to participate in. The Summit not only provided a timely opportunity to take

stock of the changes impacting on HE access, but it also explored the relationship between social mobility and access to HE.

The Summit partnership has agreed to make this an annual event, and plans for the 2012 Access to HE Summit are already underway. If you missed the Summit but would like to see and hear the keynote speeches, these can be found on the Action on Access website at [www.actiononaccess.org](http://www.actiononaccess.org).

## Notice of Events

### OU Widening Participation Conference 2012

"Discourses of Inclusion in Higher Education"

24th - 25th April 2012, [Whittlebury Hall](#), Northamptonshire, UK

The conference will examine and debate scholarly issues associated with inclusion and widening participation in higher education. It will map international perspectives on educational inclusion, report on important research findings, and develop new collaboration and joint working for the future.

- A full and varied programme of international peer-reviewed papers addressing key themes of Inclusive policy and practice and Student experiences and circumstances;
- Keynote addresses from internationally renowned and influential keynote speakers: Trevor Gale, Deakin University, Australia; Louise Morley, University of Sussex, UK; Sir David Watson, Green Templeton College Oxford and Institute of Education, University of London, UK.
- A range of opportunities facilitating the increased impact of research in inclusion, equity and widening participation.
- An inclusive approach which supports and facilitates the presence of quality postgraduate and international research.

Two days residential, £250. Two days non-residential, £150. Booking forms and further details are online at [www.open.ac.uk/discourses-of-inclusion](http://www.open.ac.uk/discourses-of-inclusion).

All queries by email to [cic-conference@open.ac.uk](mailto:cic-conference@open.ac.uk).

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### Centre for Social and Educational Research Across the Life Course

"Socially mobile students and a warm-hearted higher education system?"

Leeds Metropolitan University

## **Seminar 1: Marketisation & stratification; implications for widening participation and social mobility**

15th February / 1.30 – 3.30 / Cavendish G10, Headingley Campus

Markets and Access: Friends or Enemies? Professor Roger Brown (Liverpool Hope)

How fair is access to more prestigious UK universities? Dr Vikki Boliver (Durham)

## **Seminar 2: Social mobility, social inequalities, students**

14th March / 1.30 – 3.30 / Cavendish G10, Headingley Campus

Examining the im/possibilities of widening participation. Professor Penny Jane Burke

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? Jacqueline Stevenson (Leeds Met)

Abstracts and biographies can be found at [www.wphe.org/events](http://www.wphe.org/events). Seminars are free but registration is required. Email Samantha Armitage [s.armitage@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:s.armitage@leedsmet.ac.uk) stating which seminar(s) you would like to attend.

### **What else is in the News?**

For the latest UK Education headlines and stories [go to the FACE News Feeds page](#) where you'll find the online news feeds of several of the sources listed below gathered together on one page for easy access.

The Department for Education news page <http://www.education.gov.uk/news>

The Guardian <http://education.guardian.co.uk>

The Independent <http://news.independent.co.uk/education>

The BBC [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/education/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/education/default.stm)

The Times Higher Education <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk>

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