

Scotland's Fair Access Conference

Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Perth Concert Hall



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Introduction

The third annual Scotland's Fair Access Conference is a national conference of the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) on progress in widening access to further and higher education. This event is a good practice sharing and networking event.

Outline of day

We are delighted to announce that Richard Lochhead, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science will provide a keynote address. There will be a choice of workshops, exhibition stalls and networking opportunities. The main themes of the event are mental health and gender-based violence, with focused workshops on carers, care experienced students, veterans, disabled students, and estranged students, as well as an introduction to Scotland's Community of Access and Participation Practitioners (SCAPP).

Who should attend?

This good practice sharing and networking event is targeted at managers, practitioners and policy makers working in schools, local authorities, Community Learning and Development (CLD), and colleges and universities.

Please note places are limited, therefore interest should be coordinated within institutions and organisations. This is a free event.

Registration details

Register for the conference online at: www.sfc.ac.uk/wideningaccessconference Please note, registration will close on **Tuesday 18 June 2019 (or earlier if places are filled)**. Applications to attend after this date cannot be guaranteed.

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Programme

9.15 – 9.45	Registration and refreshments; networking; foyer exhibition
9.45 – 10.00	Welcome and introduction to day Mike Cantlay, Chair, Scottish Funding Council (SFC)
10.00 – 10.20	Keynote speaker Richard Lochhead, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science
10.20 – 11.20	Presentation: Mental Health Gareth Allen, Scottish Government Shuwanna Aaron, NUS Scotland Professor Pamela Gillies, Glasgow Caledonian University Alan Sherry, Glasgow Kelvin College Followed by Panel Q&A led by Fiona Burns, SFC
11.20 – 11.50	Refreshment break; networking; foyer exhibition
11.50 – 12.50	Workshop session one (A) Carers Trust Scotland – Going Higher and Going Further for Student Carers: supporting student carers to succeed in further and higher education (B) CELCIS – 'Being a student with care experience is very daunting' (C) HE:FE Veterans' Champions' Network – Reducing the barriers for Armed Forces personnel to consider education (D) LEAD Scotland - Improving the Experiences and Outcomes of Disabled Students (E) Scotland's Community of Access and Participation Practitioners (SCAPP): What's in it for you? (F) Stand Alone - The invisible group: students who are estranged from family
12.50 – 1.50	Lunch; networking; foyer exhibition
1.50 – 2.50	Workshop session two – as session one
2.50 – 3.00	<i>Regroup - auditorium</i>
3.00 – 3.30	Keynote speaker: GBV/Equally Safe Fiona Drouet, #emilytest
3.30 – 3.45	Thanks and close of event Professor Maggie Kinloch, Chair, SFC Access and Inclusion Committee

Workshop sessions

There will be two workshop sessions during the day. Delegates are asked to select first, second and third choices for each session. Details of each workshop are outlined below.

(A) Carers Trust Scotland – Going Higher and Going Further for Student Carers: supporting student carers to succeed in further and higher education

There are students with unpaid caring responsibilities in every college and university, trying to successfully complete their course to the best of their ability just like their peers. However, they often experience additional challenges because of their caring responsibilities, and are four times more likely to drop out of college or university due to the difficulties of balancing study and caring. This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to explore a range of ways that colleges and universities can take a whole institution approach to identify, support and report on student carers. Participants will hear from student carers, and further and higher education representatives about their institutions practice and the difference it is making.

(B) CELCIS – 'Being a student with care experience is very daunting'

This workshop will discuss the research findings of a recent survey of care experienced students at colleges and universities in Scotland. The research team will explain the context of the research and the methodology. Through discussion some of the research team will help delegates to think about what the findings and recommendations might mean for their own context in supporting care experienced students to go to, stay at and positively transition on from colleges and universities.

(C) HE:FE Veterans' Champions' Network - Reducing the barriers for Armed Forces personnel to consider education

Within this workshop Universities/Colleges will have the opportunity to understand the transition process for Armed Forces Personnel from military to civilian life and the opportunity to consider education as a viable route to a new career. As Universities and Colleges work towards an inclusive Widening Participation agenda, the workshop will outline the mutual benefits to universities/colleges to provide a supportive atmosphere to the Armed Forces Community and the aim behind the development of the HE:FE Network. We will outline how institutions can get involved and become Champions in order to highlight their commitment in supporting veterans/ex-service people and their families in colleges and universities.

(D) LEAD Scotland - Improving the Experiences and Outcomes of Disabled Students

Learn about Lead Scotland and SFC's work in this area and discuss tactics to improve fair access and retention for disabled students in Higher Education.

(E) Scotland's Community of Access and Participation Practitioners (SCAPP): What's in it for you?

Find out where SCAPP came from, where it's going, and discover what you can bring to the community. This workshop will benefit individuals who are currently involved in educational widening access and participation. It will highlight the benefits of being part of SCAPP and what resources you can access once you are a member. Meet the newly appointed SCAPP co-ordinator, Katie Monk, as well as founding development group members. An interactive element will be used to explore the vast amounts of untapped knowledge and expertise within the sector; helping to shape best practice sessions of the future.

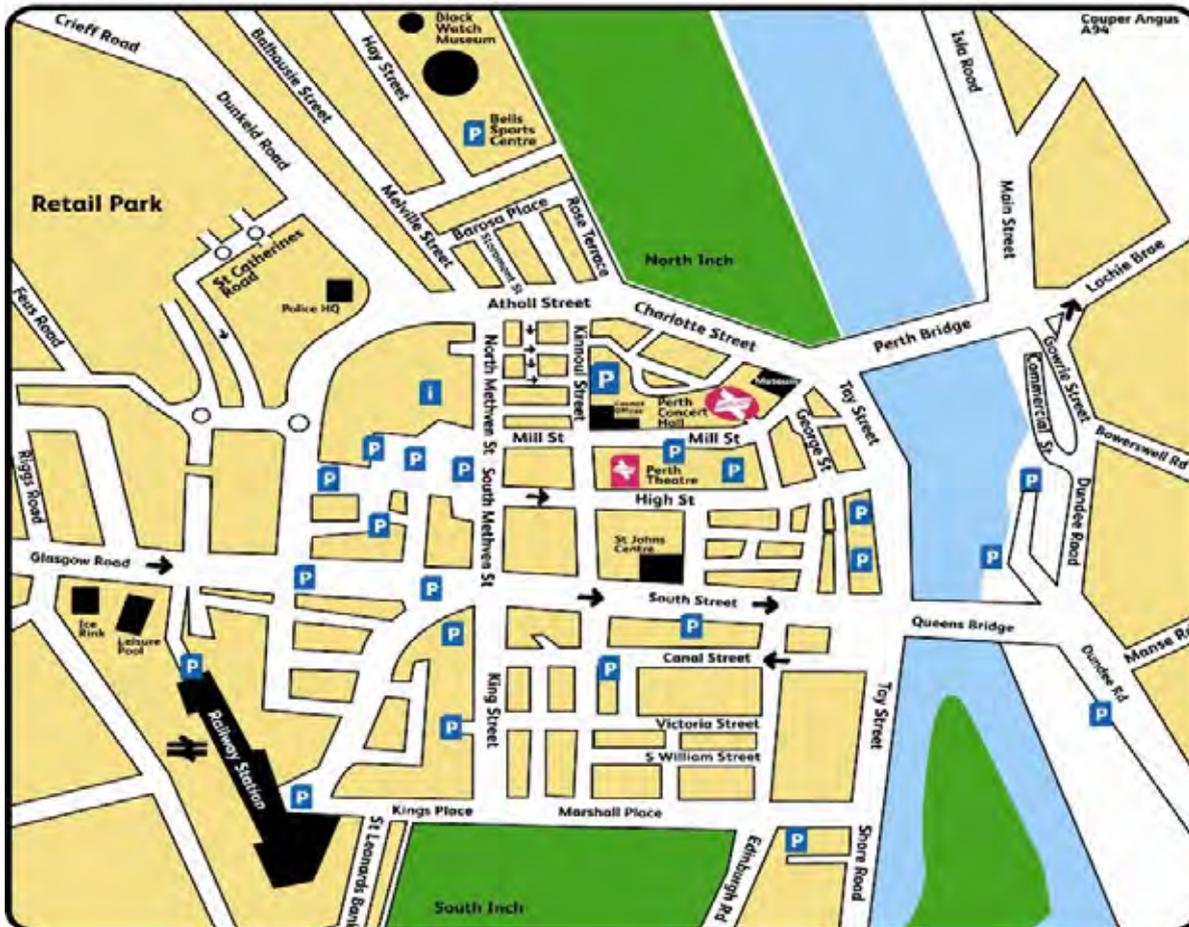
(F) Stand Alone - The invisible group: students who are estranged from family

Although significant progress has been made in supporting care experienced students in Scottish higher education, there are many vulnerable students with no family who miss out on this support by definition. These students have neither a parent, guardian or entitlement to a corporate parent to lean on.

Students in this group often include young people coming out as LGBT+ facing family rejection, those who experience family breakdown in their later teenage years or in early adulthood, and individuals who have been rejected by new step-parents after divorce and re-marriage.

This session will explore the rights and entitlements of this often invisible group of students who are estranged from family, and the subsequent disadvantages they may face whilst studying in HE. The session will conclude with some concrete steps institutions can take to move towards levelling the playing field for estranged students.

Directions & Maps



Walking – from Perth Railway Station

Start out at Perth Railway Station.

Head to your right and walk along Marshall Place (parallel to the South Inch Park).

Cross the road and take the first left onto King Street and continue down King Street until you reach the junction where King Street meets South Street (you will see Dickens pub on the corner of South Street).

Turn right onto South Street and walk until you reach the next set of traffic lights.

At the traffic lights turn left onto Scott Street and continue walking down Scott Street.

At the second set of traffic lights turn right onto Mill Street.

Once on Mill Street continue walking up the street, Perth Concert Hall is located at the end of this street on the left hand side. This should take between 10-15 minutes.

From Dundee: The A90 Travelling West

Follow the A90 towards Perth. Where it meets the M90, take A85 turn to Perth city centre.

At the traffic lights, turn left over the first bridge crossing the River Tay.

At traffic lights turn left onto Canal Street.

Continue along Canal Street and turn right at second traffic signals onto Scott Street.
Continue onto Kinnoull Street where you will find the Multi Storey car park on your right.
Perth Concert Hall is an approximate 2-3 minute walk from the car park.

From Glasgow and Stirling: The A9 Travelling North East

Follow the A9 to Perth. At the Broxden roundabout, take the exit for the city centre. Continue following this road into Perth, going straight at traffic lights until you come to South Street. At traffic signals turn left onto Scott Street.
Continue onto Kinnoull Street where you will find the Multi Storey car park on your right.
Perth Concert Hall is an approximate 2-3 minute walk from the car park.

From Edinburgh: The M90 Travelling North

Leave at junction 10 and take the A912 into Perth. When you reach the inner ring road continue straight under the railway bridge. At the next set of traffic lights turn left into Canal Street, continuing along Canal Street and then turn right at the traffic signals onto Scott Street.
Continue onto Kinnoull Street where you will find the Multi Storey car park on your right.
Perth Concert Hall is an approximate 2-3 minute walk for the car park.

From Inverness: The A9 Travelling South

Follow the A9 south to Perth.
At Inveralmond roundabout take first exit signposted to the city centre. Follow this road going straight at roundabouts and traffic lights until you see a BP station on your right hand side. Take a left at the next set of traffic lights and continue straight through. At second traffic lights turn right onto Kinnoull Street where you will find the Multi Storey car park on your left.
Perth Concert Hall is an approximate 2-3 minute walk from the car park.

Parking

There is a car park at the rear of Perth Concert Hall: Kinnoull Street car park managed by Town & City Car Parks (Tel: 01738 440 933). This is a 550 space multi-storey car park open from 7-12pm Mon-Fri and 10-12pm Sun. It is a 'Pay & Display' car park meaning parking must be paid for on arrival. There are three disabled public car parking spaces directly opposite the main entrance to the concert hall.

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