
NSP Core Eligibility, Targeting and Selection Taskforce Membership confirmed

Following an open call for expressions of interest, and in line with the National Schools Programme (NSP) Review Recommendation implementation plan, we are pleased to confirm the membership of the NSP Core Eligibility, Targeting and Selection Taskforce.

The taskforce will support the review and development of NSP approaches to eligibility, targeting and selection, ensuring that decisions are informed by sector expertise, operational insight and evidence. Membership brings together colleagues from schools, universities, Schools for Higher Education Programme (SHEP) and Access to High Demand Professions (AHDP) programmes, alongside Scottish Government colleagues, to reflect a breadth of regional and professional perspectives. Internal Scottish Funding Council (SFC) colleagues will also support the taskforce on an ad hoc basis, joining meetings as required to provide policy, data, analytical and secretariat expertise.

NSP Evaluation and Monitoring Taskforce Membership

National Schools Programme members

University sector widening access leads

- Dr Sally Middleton, University Widening Access Lead, University of Aberdeen
- Amanda Baldwin, University Widening Access Lead, University of Strathclyde

School sector representatives

- Martin Hollis, School Sector Representative, Firrhill High School, Edinburgh
- Stuart Forrester, School Sector Representative, Linlithgow Academy

Schools for Higher Education Programme (SHEP)

- Melissa Rookes, NSP partner representative, LIFT OFF
- Anne Haggart, NSP partner representative, Aspire North

Access to High Demand Professions (AHDP)

- Kirstin Henry, NSP partner representative (Reach), University of Edinburgh
- Leeanne McKenna, NSP partner representative (ACES), Glasgow School of Art
- Connor Anderson, NSP partner representative (ACES), Robert Gordon University
- Dr Neil Croll, NSP partner representative (Reach), University of Glasgow

Scottish Government members

- Rebecca Slater, Policy Manager, Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)
- Alan Sloan, Statistician, Advanced Learning and Skills
- Clara Pirie, Senior Policy Manager, Student Equalities and Fair Access

Scottish Funding Council members

- Dr Anthea Coleman-Chan, NSP Coordinator
- Mary Macgowan, NSP Policy Officer and Secretariat
- Data Analytics Specialist*
- Evaluation and Impact Specialist*

In addition, other members of SFC's staff may attend meetings as required for agenda items for which they are presenting information, to be available to respond to questions on matters arising from papers, to hear the debate where the Group's discussion will inform their work, or as part of their ongoing professional development.

The Taskforce will provide updates to, and engage with, all NSP partners throughout the development of the national approach to eligibility, targeting and selection.

The Taskforce may invite SFC or external members to attend meetings as required for agenda items for which they are presenting information, or to provide feedback or expert advice.

Contact Information

For any queries regarding this document or the work of the Taskforce, please contact the National Schools Programme NSP@sfc.ac.uk

*participation may be provided on a periodic basis, depending on availability and operational priorities