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# Higher Education and Schools Partnerships Day

## Ensuring access in a new funding landscape

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Keynote speaker:

## SIR MARTIN HARRIS

Director, OFFA

Other speakers include:

### Professor Mary Carswell

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Birmingham City University

### Dr Graeme Atherton

Director, AccessHE

### Joan McVittie

Headteacher, Woodside High School, Haringey;  
President 2011-12, Association of School and  
College Leaders (ASCL)

### Dr Colin Hankinson

Chief Executive, University of Chester  
Academies Trust

### THIS CONFERENCE WILL...

- Provide an overview of the new landscape for partnership working, with examples of best practice and innovation from across the country.
- Discuss ways in which HEIs can work together on regional partnerships, spreading costs and responsibilities
- Allow delegates to discuss access agreements, fines and penalties with OFFA
- Look at HEIs' sponsorship of academies and free schools, and the resulting relationships this creates
- Explore subject-specific widening participation strategies, focusing on the arts and creative industries
- Analyse the effectiveness of supporting individual students within partner schools
- Take an in-depth look at issues including HE-specific IAG in schools and building partnerships on a national level

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## Ensuring access in a new funding landscape

Individual HE and school partnership programmes have replaced the national structure and standards of Aimhigher, and collaboration between Higher Education Institutions and schools is entering a new era.

In accordance with their 2012-13 access agreements, HEIs are initiating and administering a huge variety of different local and regional programmes and forms of partnership, some for the first time. Severe financial penalties from HEFCE are threatened for those who fail to deliver, and OFFA has the power to prevent non-compliant institutions from charging above the standard level of tuition fees in future years.

Delegates to the conference will hear from HEIs and schools who are pioneering innovative ways of working together, and take an in-depth look at activities and relationships that are proven to be cost-effective and productive. Regional and national consortia and networks will also be present to discuss how to maintain a broad perspective on partnerships in this new funding landscape.

This event will bring vice-chancellors, head teachers and college principals, along with partnership and widening participation managers together to discuss the future of HE and school partnerships.

### Who should attend:

#### From Schools:

- Head teachers
- IAG Co-ordinators
- FE and HE Co-ordinators
- Heads of sixth form
- Teachers

#### From Higher Education Institutions and Further Education Colleges:

- Vice-Chancellors
- Principals
- Pro-Vice-Chancellors
- Vice Principals
- Chief Executives
- Deans
- Registrars
- Chairs and Governors
- Directors of:
  - Student Services
  - Admissions
  - Advice and Guidance
  - Widening Participation
  - Curriculum and Quality
  - Strategy and Planning
  - Teaching and Learning
  - Communications, Marketing and Recruitment
  - Educational Partnerships

- Professors and Lecturers
- Schools and Colleges liaison officers
- Higher Education Co-ordinators
- Student Advisors
- Young people's university co-ordinators
- Academic Development Tutors
- Work-based Learning and Work-related Learning Coordinators

#### From Trade Bodies, Inspectorates and Awarding Bodies:

- QAA
- Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
- OFSTED
- ASCL
- NAHT
- DfE

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09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

### Session One: A new era for partnerships



- 10:00 Welcome and introduction by conference chair  
**Aaron Porter**, HE Consultant and Journalist;  
member, OFFA Advisory Group
- 10:10 Analysing what works: current collaborations  
**Dr Graeme Atherton**, Director, AccessHE
- 10:30 Access agreements: obligations and opportunities  
**Sir Martin Harris**, Director, OFFA
- 10:50 What schools want from HE partners  
**Joan McVittie**, Headteacher, Woodside High School,  
Haringey, and President 2011-12, Association of  
School and College Leaders (ASCL)
- 11:10 Panel discussion, questions and comments
- 11:30 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

### Session Two: Effective models for partnership working



- 12:00 The Third Sector: the bridge between schools  
and universities  
**Richard Gould**, Chief Executive, Villiers Park  
Educational Trust
- 12:20 Regional collaboration on partnerships  
**Professor Mary Carswell**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor,  
Birmingham City University
- 12:40 Local and national partnerships  
**Jon Beard**, Director of Undergraduate Recruitment,  
University of Cambridge
- 13:00 Discussion, questions and comments
- 13:15 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

### Session Three: The future of partnerships



- 14:15: Engagement and impartiality  
**Johnny Rich**, Managing Director, Push
- 14:30 The future of IAG for widening participation  
**Andy Frampton**, Vice Chair, HELOA
- 14:45 Panel discussion  
*Speakers to be joined by:*  
**Dr Colin Hankinson**, Chief Executive,  
University of Chester Academies Trust
- 15:10 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

### Session Four: Key Issue Seminars

- 15:30 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the  
list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and  
participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-  
come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum  
capacities.
- 1** Sponsorship of academies and free schools  
**Dr Colin Hankinson**, Chief Executive, University of  
Chester Academies Trust
- 2** *Check website for seminar title*  
*Check website for speaker updates*
- 16:15 Close of conference

