

Graduate Prospects for Widening Participation Students: Does Higher Education Broaden Opportunities?

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our keynotes

SESSION 1 (AM)

Charlie Ball, Futuretrack

Charlie Ball is the Deputy Director of Research at HECSU and a specialist in research into the early jobs market for graduates. He researches and writes on all aspects of the graduate jobs market and sits on a number of expert committees, including steering groups for the early and longitudinal Destination of Leavers of Higher Education surveys. His current research includes regional graduate labour market information; analysis of postgraduate outcome information; and the recruitment practises of graduate employers. He writes regularly for Guardian Careers and blogs on data and research into graduates at hecsu.blogspot.com. You can follow him on Twitter @hecsu.

Professor Michael Brown CBE DL

Professor Michael Brown is currently Chairman of the Alder Hey Children's Charity and Chairman of Procure Plus Holdings. Between 2000- 2011, he was the Chief Executive and Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University and during his tenure the University became the only university in the world to ever achieve a full award under the EFQM Excellence Model (British Quality Foundation 2008) and developed the World of Work (WoW) approach to Higher Education. Professor Brown has enjoyed a varied career as a researcher, an academic, a commercial manager and as a senior manager and leader in Higher Education, specializing in change management and unlocking personal human resources. He is a Chartered Physicist and a Chartered Engineer, a European Engineer, a Fellow of the Institute of Physics and the Institute of Engineering and Technology, a Companion of the Chartered Institute of Management, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and of the Royal Society for the Arts. Until recently he was Chairman of the Everyman and Playhouse Theatres in Liverpool. He is a Freeman of the City of London and a Livery Member of the Worshipful Company of Engineers. He is a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Merseyside and was awarded the CBE for services to Higher Education and the Communities of Liverpool in 2008.

SESSION 2 (PM)

Liz Shutt, University Alliance

Liz Shutt joined University Alliance in 2009 and is responsible for overseeing a programme of high-quality research and analysis. Key areas of work to date have focussed on: university funding, the research and innovation eco-system, employability, efficiencies, the regional economy, the student experience and social mobility. Liz has broad experience of the higher education sector joining University Alliance from Universities UK and having previously worked at both Sheffield Hallam University and the Open University. Following an MA by Research in European Studies at the University of Kent, Liz started her post-degree career at the Department for Work and Pensions.

Lynne Mounsey, Enterprise Rent-a-Car

As the Human Resources Manager of Northern England for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Lynne Mounsey oversees all aspects of talent acquisition, benefits, diversity and inclusion strategy and training and development for Enterprise in the Yorkshire, North East and Cumbria region, which includes more than 330 employees. Like the majority of Enterprise's employees, Lynne began her career at Enterprise in the company's Management Training program, starting at a rental branch in Carlisle, Cumbria in October 1997. As a Management Trainee and later as Assistant Manager, she learned the Enterprise business from the ground up, from providing superior customer service, managing sales performance to developing and implementing marketing plans and the overall management of a retail business. Following a 12 month period as an Account Manager for one of Enterprise's National Accounts; in 2001, within five years of her start with the company, Lynne was leading the human resources and talent acquisition efforts for one of the U.K's most financially successful regions. She is originally from Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, and graduated from Lancaster University and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA in 1997 with a BA Hons. degree in American Studies.

Laura Yeates, Clifford Chance

Laura is the Graduate Recruitment & Development Manager at the global law firm, Clifford Chance. She joined Clifford Chance in 2006, having previously worked at J.P. Morgan in both the graduate recruitment team and also in a generalist HR role. In her most recent role she oversees both the graduate recruitment and development teams and recent projects include conducting a full review of the selection process with the introduction of 'CV blind' interviews, undertaking a number of pilot schemes focused on improving access to the profession, development of the award winning Intelligent Aid competition and introducing an award winning performance optimisation programme for trainees focusing on building resilience. With over ten years graduate recruitment experience and five years HR experience, she has completed both the Association of Graduate Recruiters standard and is a Fellow member of the CIPD. She currently sits on the Advisory Council of the Association of Graduate Recruiters, representing the legal sector.