

# HIGHER EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CLASS: SCOTLAND IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

LAUNCH OF RESEARCH COMMISSIONED BY THE SUTTON TRUST

**10.00–13.30 • TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2016**

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The Scottish Government frequently emphasises its commitment to the principles of social justice and recognises the need for firmer action to tackle the social class gap in higher education participation. This research analyses the extent to which efforts to widen access to higher education have been successful, comparing Scotland with other parts of the UK.

## Programme

**Chair:** [Conor Ryan, Director of Research and Communications, The Sutton Trust](#)

10.00 – 10.30	Coffee and registration
10.30 – 10.40	Welcome and introduction <a href="#">Professor Sheila Riddell</a>
10.40 – 11.00	How do Scotland and England perform in relation to higher education participation? Understanding the role of colleges in Scotland <a href="#">Lucy Hunter Blackburn</a>
11.00 – 11.05	Questions
11.05 – 11.25	How socially inclusive are selective universities in Scotland and England? <a href="#">Dr Elisabet Weedon</a>
11.25 – 11.30	Questions
11.30 – 11.50	Have university social profiles changed over time and how are they affected by the choices of students from socially advantaged backgrounds? <a href="#">Dr Gitit Kadar-Satat</a>
11.50 – 11.55	Questions
11.55 – 12.10	What policy levers are effective in promoting widening access to higher education – and what doesn't work? <a href="#">Professor Sheila Riddell</a>
12.10 – 12.20	Response <a href="#">Professor Jim Gallacher</a>
12.20 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 13.30	Lunch (Room G.21, Paterson's Land; map on p.4 of <a href="#">this document</a> )