“Embedding equal opportunities in education: unrealistic dream or achievable vision?”
Thursday 19th January, 2017
Lower College Hall, St Salvator’s Quadrangle

08.30 – 08.45: First registration

09.00 – 09.05: **Introduction** by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews, Professor Sally Mapstone

09.05 – 09.45: **Keynote** by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney MSP
The Government’s ambition for equal opportunities in education

09.45 – 10.05: **Break for coffee and second registration**

10.05 – 10.15: [Introduction to the rest of the day], Vice-Principal (International) the University of St Andrews, Dr Anne Mullen

10.15 – 10.30: **Welcome Address** by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews, Professor Sally Mapstone

10.30 – 11.00: **Equal opportunities in education – the state of play in Scotland and the UK**
Mr David Bass, ECU Programme Manager

11.00 – 11.30: **Social Justice and Citizenship in Scottish Education**
Professor Sheila Riddell, University of Edinburgh

11.30 – 11.50: **Journey to Success**
Mr Kenneth Ferguson, Director of the Robertson Trust

11.50 – 12.10: **The SFC Gender Plan**
Ms Rachel Adamson, SFC Senior Policy and Analysis Officer

12.15 – 13.15: Lunch and networking

13.15 – 14.30: **Sharing session**: Practitioner-led discussion co-convened by Mr Sukhi Bains, Head of Equality and Diversity, University of St Andrews and Mr Mike Johnson, Deputy Director of Admissions, University of St Andrews
Issues raised by setting targets for different groups relating to HE access and participation.

14.35 – 15.00: **Take home messages and next steps?** co-convened by Mr Sukhi Bains and Mr Mike Johnson