

**“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