

# Meeting with Professor Peter Scott

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017*

*11:00-13:00*

*Seminar Room, St. John's land, University of Edinburgh*

## Participants

Lucy Hunter Blackburn, Professor Cristine Iannelli, Sarah Minty, Professor Peter Scott, Dr Stephanie McKendry and Professor Sheila Riddell

## Programme

**11:05 Lucy Hunter Blackburn, ESRC-funded PhD Student and Former Head of Higher Education, Scottish Government**

*Using student loans for living costs: current issues in Scotland*

**11:20 Sarah Minty, ESRC Ph.D Researcher**

*Student finance and young people's higher education decisions*

**11:35 Professor Sheila Riddell, Director of CREID**

*The pros, cons and challenges of setting targets in the field of widening access to higher education*

**12:50 Professor Cristina Iannelli, AQMeN Co-Director**

*The role of institutional factors for widening participation in higher education*

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## Projects related to higher education

- Access to higher education for people from less advantaged backgrounds in Scotland and the rest of the UK  
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- AQMEN PHASE II Main Award – Education  
Website: [http://www.research.ed.ac.uk/portal/en/projects/aqmen-phase-ii-main-award--education\(e6400efd-c1e1-4228-9d52-c2edf3035938\).html](http://www.research.ed.ac.uk/portal/en/projects/aqmen-phase-ii-main-award--education(e6400efd-c1e1-4228-9d52-c2edf3035938).html)
- AQMEN PHASE II  
Website: [http://www.research.ed.ac.uk/portal/en/projects/aqmen-phase-ii\(231b7107-b44f-4f3c-8206-2d1a61d6cf95\).html](http://www.research.ed.ac.uk/portal/en/projects/aqmen-phase-ii(231b7107-b44f-4f3c-8206-2d1a61d6cf95).html)
- Attracting diversity: Identifying underrepresented groups  
Website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres-groups/creid/projects/ecu-attracting-diversity>
- Beyond access to HE: Widening Access initiatives and students retention - impact for access fund  
Website: <http://aqmen.ac.uk/BeyondAccessstoHEMay16>
- Choosing the PGDE: influences and motivations amongst students with and without widening participation indicators  
Website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres-groups/creid/projects/choosing-pdge-wp-indicators>
- Higher Education in Scotland, the Devolution Settlement and the Referendum on Independence  
Website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres-groups/creid/projects/he-in-scotland>
- Improving young people's knowledge of student finance in Scotland  
Website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres-groups/creid/projects/esrc-improving-yp-knowledge>
- Research into widening participation at the University of Edinburgh: the student's perspective  
Website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres-groups/creid/projects/wp-ue-student-perspective>  
Companion project: ACCESS2: The progression and outcomes of widening participation students at the University of Edinburgh: the staff perspective <<http://www.ces.ed.ac.uk/research/Access2/index.htm>>
- The Evidence Base behind Widening Access to University Education  
Website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres-groups/creid/projects/evidencebase-wideningaccess-unieduc>

## PhD students with research topics on higher education

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Thesis title: Family attitudes to higher education costs in Scotland: the impact of social class

### **Dr Susan Whittaker (completed)**

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Thesis title: Cross border student flows in higher education

