

Think Tank 2

Widening Access to higher education in Scotland, the UK and internationally

Key questions for breakout group discussion

Professor Jim Gallacher, *University of Stirling*

Widening access: The role of Scotland's colleges – Godfrey Thomson Hall

1. What are the implications of SFC & Scottish Government policies on articulation for the role of the colleges in promoting inclusion or diversion?
2. What are the longer term implications of recent Scottish Government policies on regionalisation, mergers, funding and ONS reclassification?
3. How adequate are the existing HNC/Ds and FDs in addressing the agendas facing the colleges?

Dr Cristina Iannelli, *University of Edinburgh* (Chaired by Dr Emer Smyth)

Higher education and social mobility in Scotland – Room 1.15

1. What is, and what should ideally be, the role of HE in social mobility?
2. What kind of policies do we need to promote a higher level of equality in mobility chances?
3. How may the current economic and political climate affect participation in HE and labour market returns of different social groups? How can possible negative consequences be contrasted?

Dr Laurence Lasselle, *University of St Andrews*

Contextualised admissions policies and fair access – Room 2.01

1. How to evaluate academic potential for success in HE in Scotland today or tomorrow?
2. Do you think that social diversity in HE be fostered in an independent Scotland?
3. How transparent should a policy on contextualised admissions be in an independent Scotland?