

Widening Participation Education Forum for Health

Following the *Future Nurse and Widening Participation: How Education is Meeting the Challenge Conference* on 17th June 2019, organised by College Development Network, NHS Education for Scotland and Scottish Wider Access Programme, it was agreed to establish a Forum for Action to take forward the challenges raised.

[Future Nurse and Widening Participation: How Education is Meeting the Challenge Conference 17 June 2019](#)

This Widening Participation Education Forum for Health is administered by CDN, implemented in partnership with NES and SWAP, and will promote and enhance partnership working between Colleges, Universities and NHS Boards in the delivery of excellent pre-qualifying education for healthcare professionals. At a time of significant strategic changes, the Forum will provide an opportunity for practitioners to get together, in a creative space, to share and develop work that is of interest to them.

Forum members will:

- Identify, discuss and debate shared issues and challenges in the implementation of healthcare education
- Lead on agreed actions/implementation from forum meetings
- Aim to create and test innovative solutions to educational challenges
- Share best practice, successes and challenges in programme development, delivery and enhancement through conferences, events and the Forum Jisc email group.

The Forum will meet three times a year, and if you would like to join a Forum meeting please email susan.mcgregor@cdn.ac.uk .

CDN will add relevant papers and notes to this page on The Care, NHS and Early Years Network Page of the CDN website.

Widening Participation Education Forum for Health Action Meeting 1 Equality and Diversity Focus: Thursday 31st October, Perth College UHI, 1000-1500 Student diversity within healthcare education. Kristie Long, Equality and Diversity Advisor, NES, lead the discussion.

Widening Participation Education Forum for Health Action Meeting 2 First Steps to a Career in Care and RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) Focus: Tuesday 18th February 2020, 1000-1500; Glasgow Caledonian University. This Forum discussion was lead by Laura Christie and Stuart Caulfield of NES, with a focus on the NHSS RPL Guiding Principles.

Widening Participation Education Forum for Health Action Meeting 3 Progression Framework Focus: Wednesday 6th May 2020, 1000-1500, NES in Edinburgh.

In addition to Forum meetings we also operate a jisc mail group for communications and if you would like to subscribe to this please follow the instructions here:

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?SUBED1=WP-EDUCATION-FORUM-FOR-HEALTH&A=1>