**16th Annual Teachers and Careers Advisers Conference at Edge Hill University**

**Law & Psychology Building**

**Friday 3rd May 2024, 08:30am – 3:30pm**

| Time | Agenda |
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| 08:30 – 09:15 | **Registration & Refreshments***Law & Psychology Foyer* |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | **Conference Welcome***Delivered by Simon Jenkins, Head of Student Recruitment & Admissions* |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | **Plenary: HE Sector***Delivered by Dr John Cater CBE, Vice Chancellor, Edge Hill University* |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **Refreshments***Law & Psychology Foyer* |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | **Morning Sessions** |
| 1. Subject Session: Studying and Working in Sport, Physical Activity and Beyond

*Delivered by Andy Smith, Professor in Sport, Physical Activity and Mental Health*In this interactive session, delegates will learn more about the courses on offer in the Department of Sport and Physical Activity, and the diverse graduate careers students go on to pursue – whether in sport and physical activity, or in related sectors including health, education, business, and management. Throughout the session, there will be an opportunity to ask questions, explore some of the myths surrounding sports-related courses and careers, and reflect upon our practical experiences of supporting students to study and work in the field. |
| 1. How to build effective links and relationships with universities

*Delivered by Tiegan Yates, Education Liaison OfficerLaura Lee, Education Liaison Officer* This session will focus on supporting you as school and college staff to build strong and successful links with a range of university student recruitment and widening access teams. We will discuss initial contact, opportunities available, nurturing relationships over time as well as some top tips from ourselves regarding working as effectively and efficiently as possible.There will also be plenty of interactive opportunities to discuss best practice with colleagues and opportunity to feedback to ourselves as a team. |
| 1. Edge Hill University Careers Team: Unleashing your student’s career potential

*Delivered by Debby Murray, Senior Careers AdviserClare Gilby, Careers Adviser*Join EHU Careers as they share practical approaches to support students through their stages of Career Readiness: Discover, Develop, Compete. How do they engage with us? What does our support look like for a new generation of students? |
| 1. Supporting your students through their UCAS application

*Delivered by Niamh Gallagher, Education Liaison OfficerCaitlin McEllenborough, Education Liaison Officer*This session will provide advice on how to support your students through the UCAS application process from start to finish. The Education Liaison Team will deliver an insight into what makes an application stand out in terms of content, work experience and reference information from yourselves as staff. The session will also include previous changes to the staff reference structure and further updates on possible changes to the personal statement structure for 2026 entry.Throughout the session, there will be plenty of opportunities to interact and share best practice with colleagues, see some real-life personal statement examples, ask questions, and discuss issues that you face within your school or college. The session will also include some members of staff from the admissions team.\*This session is for less experienced advisers or those new to HE guidance work. |
| 1. Tour of Campus and Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre

*Delivered by CSSC Technicians & Current Undergraduate Student Guides*Current undergraduate students will provide a tour around our campus and our Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre, showcasing the advanced facilities for our Health, Social Care and Medicine programmes, whilst answering your questions about student life and their experiences of applying to university. Please note, majority of this session will take place outdoors, but an indoors alternative will be provided if weather is unsuitable. The tour route is fully accessible. |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Lunch***In the Sages Restaurant, the Hub*There will be an opportunity to network with conference delegates, speakers, and staff from Edge Hill University. |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Keynote Speech: Inspiring the next generation of Health workers** *Delivered by Mary Fleming, Chief Executive of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WWL)*In this keynote speech, Mary will draw on her 27 years of knowledge andexperience of working in the NHS to explain the importance of pursuing acareer in healthcare, the various opportunities available, and the impacthealth workers can make on people’s lives. Mary, who was inspired to deliver high quality care by her Mother who worked as an NHS nurse, began her NHS career as an admin clerk. From there, she went on to hold various roles in trusts across Greater Manchester and Yorkshire. Mary then went on to join WWL in 2008, holding several senior operational management roles, before progressing to Chief Executive of the trust.Mary will share practical approaches that she has learnt and implemented along her incredible career journey to support, inspire and motivate the nextgeneration of health professionals, and offer guidance to best advise yourstudents towards a rewarding career in health. |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | **Refreshment Break & Student Support Teams Fair***Law & Psychology Foyer*A chance to meet Edge Hill University staff, and current undergraduate students. Student Support and additional teams will be available to answer your questions on stands: Faculty of Health & Social Care, Student Finance, Widening Access, Student Recruitment (EDL), and Current Undergraduate Students. |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | **Afternoon Sessions** |
| 1. Student Finance England –What every practitioner really needs to know

*Delivered by Stephen Jones, Funding Information Partner Services, Student Loans Company*Student Finance England will guide delegates through the changes within student finance policy for 2024/25. Information will be provided to guide your students through the application process and to understand the student loan repayment system. It is also an opportunity to discuss any concerns you have regarding student finance. |
| 1. Widening Access and Participation – support for under-represented student groups in Higher Education

*Delivered by Anna Wooley, Widening Access ManagerLouise Macrae, Widening Access OfficerStephanie Rimmer, Widening Access OfficerCharlote Molloy, Evaluation Coordinator*Have you ever wondered what the terms ‘widening access’ or ‘widening participation’ actually mean? Confused as to why some universities and their teams only want to work with particular groups of your students, rather than all of them?Join the EHU Widening Access team to discover the answer to these questions and explore why this targeted work is so important in Higher Education, as well as identifying which of your students that we work to support and what this looks like in practice. Attendees will also have an opportunity to help shape the impact of our access work by taking part in one of our theory of change workshops, where we will be using your valuable insight and contributions to help us collaboratively develop new, impactful activity for some of the targeted students in your institutions. The team will also make time to answer any questions you have about student support provision in Edge Hill both for prospective and on-course students. |
| 1. Subject Session: Routes into working in the Education Sector

*Delivered by Dr Karen Boardman, HoD of Early Years Education at Edge Hill University*With over 135 years of experience training teachers, Edge Hill is a great place to prepare for the classroom. But qualifying as a teacher is just one career path. In this session, delegates will learn more about the courses on offer within Education and Teaching, as well as routes working within the wider children’s workforce.There will also be the opportunity to hear from Admissions tutors for these subjects who can provide information on the different career routes available post-graduation. Current students from these subjects will also be available to answer your questions. |
| i. Tour of Campus and Creative Arts Facilities*Delivered by Creative Arts Department & Current Undergraduate Student Guides*Current undergraduate students will provide a tour around our campus and our Creative Arts facilities, such as the TV Studios, Recording Studios, Animation Studio, and much more, whilst answering your questions about student life and their experiences of applying to university. Please note, majority of this session will take place outdoors, but an indoors alternative will be provided if weather is unsuitable. The tour route is fully accessible. |
| 15:30 | **Depart***Law & Psychology Foyer*Thank you for visiting Edge Hill University. Our Student Guide team will take you back to car parks, and we wish you a safe journey home. |