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**National Teachers and Advisers Conference**

Free CPD

**Wednesday 18 May 2016**

**9.30am – 3.30pm**

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This one-day conference is a free event to help equip teachers and advisers with a range of resources, information and advice relevant to progression to higher education. It will address key topics including; qualifications reform, admissions, graduate employability and subject-specific information.

Professor James Thompson, Associate Vice President for Social Responsibility and Professor of Applied and Social Theatre at The University of Manchester will deliver the keynote speech at the conference on 'Tomorrow's Citizens: Social Responsibility and the Student Experience'.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend three workshops and discussion panels that will enable them to ask questions and receive information first-hand from experts.

## Whole conference plenary and discussion panels include:

### Welcome address

Delivered by Mike Gibbons, Director of Student Recruitment and International Development, The University of Manchester.

### Graduate employability and opportunity

Delivered by Dr Paul Redmond, Director of Student Life for the Directorate for the Student Experience (DSE), graduates of The University of Manchester and representatives from graduate employers.

## Speakers include:



### Delivering the keynote:

**James Thompson** is Professor of Applied and Social Theatre and Associate Vice President for Social Responsibility at the University of Manchester. He is the Founder and Co-Director of 'In Place of War' – a project researching and developing arts programs in war and disaster zones. He has developed and run theatre projects in Africa and South Asia (principally DR Congo and Sri Lanka). He has written widely on theatre applied to conflict, peacebuilding, and reconciliation and his most recent books are *Performance Affects: Applied Theatre and the End of Effect* (2009) and *Humanitarian Performance: from Disaster Tragedies to Spectacles of War* (2014).



### Chairing the graduate employability and opportunity plenary session:

**Dr Paul Redmond** is Director of Student Life at the University of Manchester. A leading expert on generations and the graduate labour market, Paul has presented at numerous events and conferences around the world. His research into the future of work, 'Generation Y' and the influence of social and economic factors on employability has received considerable attention among both graduate recruiters and the media.

As an expert in the graduate job market, with strong links to industry and having published academic papers, articles and books on the topic, Paul draws upon these skills to lead the Careers Service, Counselling Service, Disability Support Office, Sport, Access Summit and the Student Information, Advice and Guidance Service at The University of Manchester.

## Workshops include:

### Qualification reform and the impact on Higher Education

Delivered jointly by UCAS and The University of Manchester, this workshop will detail the range of qualification reform happening across the UK, whilst also exploring the impact and consideration for higher education admissions. There will also be the opportunity to gain and understand The University of Manchester perspective on qualification reform.

### Ask the expert: Admissions to The University of Manchester

Put your burning questions to our panel of admissions experts on any matter relating to admission to The University of Manchester.

### Nursing and Midwifery

The University of Manchester offers three strands of nursing courses – Child Nursing, Mental Health Nursing and Adult Nursing – as well as Midwifery for undergraduate entry. Admissions staff from The University of Manchester's School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work will provide an overview of the courses, admissions policy and procedure for students wishing to study Nursing or Midwifery at Manchester.

### The right choice: How to support and advise students about HE

What are the best resources to help your students navigate their way into higher education? How can you help and prepare your students to ensure that they are making the right choices on universities and courses and have a good chance to be successful in obtaining an offer? This session will give teachers and advisers a practical set of strategies, and add value to the information, advice and guidance work that currently take place in schools and colleges.

### 'It's a small world': studying overseas as part of a UK degree

From Australia to Argentina, China to Chile, Italy to Israel, Spain to South Korea, and Uganda to Uruguay, students at UK universities have the opportunity to be inspired and challenged through studying in locations all over the world. This session will discuss the benefits of studying, working and volunteering abroad as part of a UK degree and the range of opportunities offered by UK universities. The session will also highlight the range of funding and fee discounts available to students who participate.

### Student experience at The University of Manchester

In this Q and A workshop you will have the chance to meet a cohort of current students who will discuss themes which concern students new to university life. At the end of the workshop you will have a short guided tour of our campus.

### Physics and Philosophy

Admissions staff from The University of Manchester's School of Physics and Astronomy and School of Social Sciences will provide an overview of the courses, admissions policy and procedure for students wishing to study Physics or Philosophy.

### Developing research and independent study skills from day one

What does it mean to be an undergraduate at a 'research-intensive' university? Can research skills really be incorporated into the first year of study?

At The University of Manchester we are proud of our research power and want to bring this excitement to our undergraduates from the start of their course but it can be a challenge to bridge the school/college-university gap. 'Learning through Research' is a distinctive characteristic of Manchester's strategy for teaching, learning and the student experience. It integrates research skills such as:

- developing an understanding of evidence,
- dealing with incomplete information,
- communicating outcomes effectively and appropriately and,
- developing intellectual courage

This session will share how we challenge and stretch our students in these Skills (and more), particularly in the context of Humanities subjects so you can provide your students with an insight into what it will be like to study in higher education and encourage you to think how they could try out some of these skills in their current study environment.

### Higher education for Looked After Children and Care Leavers

This workshop will provide some context and background to the barriers that Looked After Children face in progressing to higher education and the types of support that The University of Manchester offers to both offer holders and students who have experienced being in local authority care. There will be a chance for participants to have some discussion and to share experiences of working with and advising this target group.

## Feedback from last year's conference:

“  
The event was fantastic! Thank you very much for all the hard work organising it.”

“  
Fantastic day as usual and great organisation. Best training day of the year for me. Great and professionally produced resources.”

“  
A really worthwhile conference and very well organised – one of the best I have attended for a long time - I will recommend it to others.”

“  
Great event and will recommend it to fellow colleagues!”

**100% of delegates to the 2015 National Teacher and Adviser Conference who responded rated the event as 'Excellent' or 'Good'**

### Who should attend:

Higher education advisers  
in schools and colleges

Principals and vice-principals

Heads of school/college

Heads of sixth form  
(post-16 education)

Careers advisers

14-19 managers

Gifted and Talented specialists

Local authority managers

IAG staff

### Booking:

Bookings will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis.  
If you would like to attend the conference, please complete the online registration form which can be found here:

**[www.manchester.ac.uk/ntacsignup](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ntacsignup)**

On completion of the registration form,  
we will contact you to confirm you have a place reserved.

If you have any questions about the conference please email  
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