

Higher Education – Making A Difference To Economies And Communities

Wednesday 28th January 2009 09.30 am – 4.15 pm
Belfast Castle, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 5GR

Provisional PROGRAMME

COFFEE AND REGISTRATION: 9:30 – 10:00

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

10:00 Welcome And Introductions

Fergus Devitt, Director of Higher Education, Department for Employment and Learning

10.05 The Economic Contribution Of Higher Education In NI

Sir Reg Empey, Minister for Employment and Learning

10:20 Setting The Scene: Research On Higher Education's Role

Peter McGregor and Ursula Kelly, Joint Initiative Coordinators

SESSION ONE: HIGHER EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND INNOVATION

10.40 Knowledge Exchange Between Universities And The Business, Public And Third Sectors: Preliminary Results From Surveys Of Businesses And Academics

Michael Kitson, Maria Abreu, Vadim Grinevich & Alan Hughes, University of Cambridge

11.00 The Impact Of University-Firm Knowledge Links

Richard Harris, University of Glasgow and Cher Li, University of Strathclyde

11.20 Graduate Migration Flows: Exporting Human Capital

Robert Wright & Cher Li University of Strathclyde, Alessandra Faggian, University of Southampton

11.40 Questions and Discussion

LUNCH: 12:00

SESSION TWO: PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

**Session Two Workshop One:
Student And Graduate Choices,**

13.00 Participation, access and migration: higher education in Northern Ireland

Bob Osborne, University of Ulster and Tony Gallagher, Queen's University Belfast

13.20 Employing Students: The Significance Of Student Workers

Moira Munro, and Mark Livingston, University of Glasgow

13.40 Graduate Choices: Building And Retaining Human Capital In UK Cities

Marc Cowling, Emma Pollard, and Peter Bates, Institute for Employment Studies, University of Sussex

14.00 Questions and Discussion

**Session Two Workshop Two:
Modelling Higher Education Impact,**

13.00 Economic Characteristics Of Higher Education Institutions In Scotland And Northern Ireland: An Input Output Approach

Kristinn Hermannson, Peter McGregor, Kim Swales, University of Strathclyde

13.20 The Overall Impact Of HEIs On UK Regions: A Computable General Equilibrium Approach

Katerina Lisenkova, Peter McGregor, Kim Swales, University of Strathclyde

13.40 Knowledge Networks Of Universities: Regional And Non-Regional Linkages

Rob Huggins, Cardiff Management School, University of Wales Institute Cardiff

14.00 Questions and Discussion

COFFEE BREAK: 14.30 – 14.45

SESSION THREE: UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITIES

14.45 Higher Education And Regional Transformation: Social And Cultural Perspectives

Allan Cochrane And Ruth Williams, Open University

15.05 University Engagement And Co-Learning With Hard-To-Reach Communities

Paul Benneworth, David Charles & Cheryl Conway, University of Newcastle

15.25 Questions And Discussion

15:45 CONCLUDING SESSION: SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

FINISH: 16:15