## 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

13.00  Participation, access and migration: higher education in Northern Ireland  
Bob Osborne, University of Ulster and Tony Gallagher, Queen’s University Belfast

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  Employing Students: The Significance Of Student Workers  
Moira Munro, and Mark Livingston, University of Glasgow

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  Graduate Choices: Building And Retaining Human Capital In UK Cities  
Marc Cowling, Emma Pollard, and Peter Bates, Institute for Employment Studies, University of Sussex

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**