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**Higher Education Conference 2024: Universities as Civic Actors & Agents of Social Justice**

**9;30-17:00, Wednesday 5th June, Newcastle University**

**Link to register** [**here**](https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/he-conference-universities-as-civic-actors-agents-of-social-justice)

**Draft Programme**

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| Time & Session | Event & Speaker | | |
| 9:30-10:00 | Registration | | |
| 10:00 - 10:10 | Welcome  Prof. Jane Robinson, Pro VC Engagement & Place, Newcastle University. | | |
| 10:10-10:25  Introduction | Introduction & Overview of the day. HE video premier  HE Team | | |
| 10:30-11:40  Session 1: Social Justice work in HEI 1 | **Stream 1: Organising, Social Justice & the University** | **Stream 2: Organising and Co-designing solutions to community problems** | **Stream 3: Organising in the curriculum** |
| *Whole University Community Organising* - Elena Wilson,  Michael Bennet, Tahira Amini  *Community Organising & Academia in Germany* - Meier & Richter (Koblenz)  *Challenges to developing a social purpose mission in the HE sector*  Bem Little (UEA) | *Establishing a ‘Centre for Community Organising’:*  *The Camberwell Model of employing art and design methodologies in community organising* Natascha Ng & Shibboleth Schechter, Alice White (UAL)  *Collaborative Co-Design in Tackling Wicked Problems: University, Citizens UK, and Student Partnership for Social Housing Solutions in the North East*, Dr Yulia Dzenkovska, (Newcastle University) | *Organising Social Action within the Curriculum in a London commuter University – Possibilities and Constraints* Samantha Alcock, Rachel Cohen (City University)  *Democracy in Action: Reaching for Transformative Education* Rebecca Warren (University of Essex)  *Working with the community in a relational power environment, bringing the policing curriculum to life through problem-based pedagogy.* Donna Eastham (Leeds Trinity) |
| 11:40-12:00 | Break | | |
| 12:00-13:00  Session 2 plenary: | **Civic Universities: Democracy, Accountability & Power: A Northern Perspective**  Panel discussion on opportunities and threats around devolution and the civic university agenda in Northern cities | Civic leads in northern HEIs : Mags Bradbury (University of Manchester); Matthew Guest (UCLan) Yasmin Knight (Uof Sheffield). Prof. Helen Jarvis (Newcastle University) | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | | |
| 14:00 - 15:10  Session 3: Social Justice work in HE 2 | **Stream 1: Research-led approaches to social justice work in universities** | **Stream 2: Educational injustice** | **Stream 3: Tackling Racism in Higher Education** |
| *Organising the action in participatory research: Pathways to collective impact* - Sarah Banks (Durham)  *Integrating the Roles and Realms of Participatory Research into Higher Education* M Brydon-Miller (University of Louisville) | *Parent Power: Putting people before programme to tackle educational injustice*: Elena Wilson, Michael Bennet, Tahira Amini (KCL)  *Parent Power: The enablers and barriers for partnerships between Higher Education Institutes and local communities*. - Harry Twohig (Brilliant Club) | *How community organising empowered and enabled student voice: Reflections from a student-staff co-creation project*  Dr Amina Razak (Newcastle University)  *Anti-Racism Campaign at Loughborough University (London)*, Dr Angela Dye, Loughborough University (London). |
| 15:10 - 15:30 | Break | | |
| 15:30-16:20  Session 4:  HE Community of practice-led workshops | **Workshop 1: Embedding Organising in the Curriculum** | **Workshop 2: Research, Organising & Impact** | **Workshop 3: Organising in Student Unions** |
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| 16:20-16:30 | Break | | |
| 16:30- 16:50  Keynote/  Afterword | Amanda Tattersall (Sydney Policy Lab) | | |
| 16:50 - 17:00  Next steps & Close | HE Team | | |
| 17:00 | End | | |