



# The HE progression, participation and graduate destinations of young people in London

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# Speakers

## Yolande Burgess

Yolande joined London Councils in 2010 as Strategy Director of the London Regional Planning Group for 14 to 19 education supporting local authorities in undertaking their statutory functions and working with other stakeholders on planning and policy. Yolande leads the Young People's Education and Skills team and guides work in areas such as preparing for adulthood for young people with special educational needs, careers guidance and the strategy to achieve full participation to age 18, contributing to national policy making and local implementation.

Throughout her 20 year career in the public sector Yolande's responsibilities have included partnership working and delivery, most notably the implementation of the New Deal programme across north London. She has substantial experience of developing and implementing post-16 education policy and strategy, and planning and commissioning learning provision locally and regionally.



## John Storan

John is the Director of Continuum, the Centre for Widening Participation Policy Studies at the University of East London and a Visiting Professor at Malmö University in Sweden.

He is also the Director of Action on Access which is the national co-ordination team for widening participation. As founding and current Chair of the Forum for Access and Continuing Education (FACE) he represents communities of practitioners involved in HE Access and Lifelong Learning from across the UK and beyond.

John has been a highly influential regional, national and international figure on Lifelong Learning and Widening Participation in HE. Over recent years he has been advising and supporting funding agencies, government bodies and also stakeholder groups concerned with access and participation in HE both in the UK and internationally. In addition to his extensive UK experience he also has enormous international experience as result of his keynotes and conference inputs and involvement in a large number of research and development projects. In 2014, John was appointed the UK representative on the Bologna working group for the Social Dimension and Lifelong Learning.



## Gary Tindell

Gary has worked at UEL for over 20 years and currently leads on the development of Business Intelligence applications with a focus on embedding evidence-based planning and influencing policy. Previous substantive roles include Strategic Planning Manager as well as a secondment to a regeneration agency where he developed and deployed a web-based observatory to national, regional and local government.

He recently demonstrated the use of business intelligence applications at two national conferences during the last year and is an adviser to JISC think tank on the use of 'big data' and business intelligence. Research interests include analysing patterns of HE participation and the development of innovative data integration, visualisation and benchmarking tools for use in higher education.



## Sheila Weeden

Sheila has worked in education in east London for twenty years, including ten years working in higher education. Her work has primarily focused on widening participation and cross-sectoral educational partnerships, including leading the development and establishment of the Lifelong Learning Network in Creative Industries in the Thames Gateway – a partnership involving 32 HE and FE institutions.

She is currently involved in strategic planning for 16-19 education for the London Borough of Newham.



# Programme

10:00 – 10:30	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Professor John Storan, Director, Continuum UEL</i>
10:45 – 11:10	<b>Progression to Higher Education</b> <i>Sheila Weeden, 16-19 Strategic Manager, London Borough of Newham</i>
11:10 – 11:30	<b>Achievement and Graduate Employability</b> <i>Gary Tindell, Information Improvement Manager, UEL</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Comfort Break</b>
11:45 – 12:05	<b>The Changing Landscape of London</b> <i>Yolande Burgess, Strategy Director, London Councils</i>
12:05 – 12:25	<b>Question and Answer Session</b> <i>Professor John Storan, Sheila Weeden, Gary Tindell, Yolande Burgess</i>
12:25 – 12:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Professor John Storan, Director, Continuum UEL</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>





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