Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Events

By challenging the status quo, championing progression and building strong and supportive networks, our portfolio supports, encourages and recognises commitment to advancing equality in higher education.

Find out more about our upcoming equality, diversity and inclusion events and services below.

EDI Workshop Series

These workshops offer practical advice, guidance, policy information, frameworks and toolkits to support positive change within departments, schools, faculties and institutions in areas such as race equality, challenging privilege, and dignity and respect.

Upcoming workshops:
+ Leading Race Equality in HE
+ Challenging privilege and the ‘danger of the single story’

Challenging privilege and the ‘danger of the single story’
Date: 27 May 2021
This workshop aims to deepen understanding of the barriers to equality, diversity and inclusion that exist in higher education through an examination of how majority group privilege reinforces structural and cultural inequalities. Participants will explore how privilege operates, the impact on different protected groups, and unpick common ‘stories’ about equality in Higher Education. Importantly, participants will leave having had the space to reflect on their own privilege and with practical steps to tackle inequality.

Find out more
EDI Colloquia

Our colloquium events offer staff a useful forum to encourage the exchange and dissemination of different ways of thinking about key EDI challenges and new approaches.

Upcoming workshops:
+ Race Equality Colloquium
+ Gender Equality Colloquium
+ Disability Colloquium

Race Equality Colloquium: Critical approaches to race data in higher education
Date: 20 April 2021
This colloquium will offer insights and solutions to issues of race and racism within higher education, and will explore ideas for supporting and advancing change in HEIs and closing the attainment gap.

Find out more

Gender Equality Colloquium: Advancing gender and sex equality through research design
Date: 11 May 2021
This colloquium invites participants to share how they, their department or their institution have sought to embed consideration of sex and gender in research design. By way of a keynote session, participant-led workshops and presentations, and a closing plenary, the event will offer insights about these issues as well as examples and ideas for evolving the consideration of diversity in research design.

Find out more

“Leading Race Equality in HE was an challenging, thought provoking and inspirational programme. The content and the presentation was excellent. A must course for anyone who is interested or working within EDI.”

Donna Niccolls, Department Manager, Kings College London
Disability Colloquium: Improving support for disabled staff in higher education
Date: 15 June 2021
The event will offer insight into the issues surrounding disabled staff support, as well as examples of good practice and 'what works' when supporting disabled staff. In particular, the colloquium welcomes researchers and disability practitioners to share new and innovative research on this topic, and to open up to new ways of improving disabled staff support.

Find out more

Senior Women’s Leadership Development Programme
On this programme we create a safe space for senior women leaders to explore the complexity of navigating through conventional organisational structures and to build foundations for transformation and paradigm shift.

The programme strikes a balance between enhancing technical knowledge of key strategic areas of operation including institutional finance, structures and governance along with exploring individual leadership styles, leadership legacy, personal impact and developing political skills.

Find out more

Diversifying Leadership
The Diversifying Leadership programme is designed to support early-career academics and professional services staff from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds who are about to take their first steps into a leadership role. It explores themes of power and influence, demystifying leadership, cultural identity and cultural capital, increasing your visibility and authentic leadership and features leadership stories from high-profile HE leaders.

Find out more

“The benefit of Diversifying Leadership is that it uses an ‘asset model’ approach to combine four key elements: preparation through a series of challenging development activities; collaboration through action learning with peers; reflection by providing space between modules to think and act strategically; opportunity through access to a sponsor.”

Jannett Morgan, Programme Director, Diversifying Leadership
Aurora

Aurora is Advance HE’s leadership development initiative for women. It is run as a unique partnership bringing together leadership experts and higher education institutions to take positive action to address the under-representation of women in leadership positions in the sector.

Led by a team of leadership experts, participants will explore four key areas associated with leadership success: Identity, Impact and Voice; Politics and Influence; Core Leadership Skills; Adaptive Leadership Skills.

Since its launch in 2013 more than 7,000 women from nearly 200 different institutions across the UK and Ireland have participated in Aurora.

Reflecting the challenges we all currently face, Aurora has been re-designed as a fully virtual experience. All Aurora activity will now be delivered online.

Aurora seeks to support women and their institutions to fulfil their leadership potential through thought provoking activities, collaborative problem solving activities and motivating stories supported by inspirational women role models. Participation embeds strong networks of early career women across the sector to share best practice, insights and experiences.

Find out more

Services to support equality, diversity and inclusion

We want to support your institution to rise to this challenge and create places of learning and employment that welcome diversity, nurture talent and create sustainable change. We can help you remove barriers to education, employment and success, so that higher education can reach its full potential, and your diverse staff and students can benefit equally from the opportunities it affords.

Our work can focus on issues surrounding specific protected characteristics but will always take into account intersectionality with other protected characteristics. Our services include audits and reviews, bespoke consultancy, staff workshops and strategy and culture development.

Find out more

Want to find out more about our EDI offering?

www.advance-he.ac.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion