Programme

09:30  Platform opens & informal networking

10:00  Welcome
       Alison Johns, Chief Executive, Advance HE

10:05  Introduction
       Dr Geoff Stoakes, Special Adviser (Degree Standards), Advance HE

10:15  Improving assessment literacy (Chair: Dr Geoff Stoakes)
       Emma Medland (Surrey University): 'I'm an assessment illiterate: towards a
       shared discourse on assessment literacy for external examiners'
       Chris Rust, Emeritus Professor of Higher Education, Oxford Brookes University &
       Andy Lloyd, Senior Curriculum Design Advisor, Cardiff University: 'The
       Professional Development Course for External Examiners'
       Andrea Chalk, Academic Registrar, University of Gloucestershire, 'Assessment
       literacy: other uses'

11:15  Comfort break

11:30  Calibrating academic standards (Chair: Dr Erica Morris, Senior Associate,
       Advance HE)
       Margaret Price, Professor Emerita of Assessment and Learning at Oxford Brookes,
       & Professor Berry O'Donovan, Oxford Brookes University: 'Calibrating academic
       standards'

       Break-out room discussions: 'the use of calibration activities: opportunities,
       challenges and how to meet them'

13:00  Lunch break

13:45  Impact of the Degree Standards project (Chair: Dr Erica Morris, Senior
       Associate, Advance HE)
       Joanne Moore (DEWR), Independent Reviewer: ‘Evaluating the impact of the
       Degree Standards project’

       Panel discussion: The impact of the Professional Development Course on an
       institution -
       Rachel Forsyth, Head of the University Teaching Academy & Linda Matthews,
       Senior Lecturer, UTA, Manchester Metropolitan University

14:30  Comfort break

14:40  Next Steps in maintaining academic standards
       Keynote speaker: Professor Andrew Wathey, Chair of the UK Standing
       Committee for Quality Assessment and Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive,
       Northumbria University

       ‘In conversation’: Dr Charlotte Snelling, Policy Manager, Universities UK;
       Professor Margaret Price; and Professor Chris Rust; chaired by Dr Geoff Stoakes,
       Special Adviser (Degree Standards), Advance HE

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