

## Degree Standards conference, 18 June 2021, Virtual

### Improving assessment literacy and maintaining academic standards

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#### Programme

- 09:50**      **Waiting room opens**
- 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)**
- I'm an assessment illiterate: Towards a shared discourse on assessment literacy for external examiners** - Emma Medland, Lecturer, Surrey University
- The Professional Development Course for External Examiners** - Chris Rust, Emeritus Professor of Higher Education, Oxford Brookes University and Andy Lloyd, Senior Curriculum Design Advisor, Cardiff University
- Assessment literacy: Other uses** - Andrea Chalk, Academic Registrar, University of Gloucestershire
- 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, and Professor Berry O'Donovan, Oxford Brookes University
- 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)**
- Evaluating the impact of the Degree Standards project** - Joanne Moore (DEWR), Independent Reviewer
- Panel discussion: The impact of the Professional Development Course on an institution**  
Rachel Forsyth, Head of the University Teaching Academy and Linda Matthews, Senior Lecturer, UTA, Manchester Metropolitan University
- 14:30**      **Comfort break**
- 14:40**      **Next Steps in maintaining academic standards (Chair: Dr Geoff Stoakes)**
- Keynote:** Professor Andrew Wathey, Chair of the UK Standing Committee for Quality Assessment and Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Northumbria University
- 'In conversation':** Professor Andrew Wathey, Dr Charlotte Snelling, Policy Manager, Universities UK; Professor Margaret Price; and Professor Chris Rust
- 15:30**      **Close**