

**24<sup>th</sup> EAN Annual Conference**  
**Advocating for Access, Equity, Inclusion & Diversity in HE**  
**Politics, Policies, Power & Persuasion**

## **Programme**

### **Sunday 7 June**

08:30 Registration opens all day

09:30 EAN Annual General Meeting

10:30 Coffee

11:00 **Parallel paper and workshop sessions 1:**

***The taxonomy of higher education institutions serving under-represented groups: Benchmarking tool***

Prof Blazenka Divjak, University of Zagreb, Croatia

***Cornerstones of equity in higher education – a comparative analysis of recent findings from EUROSTUDENT V report***

Jakob Hartl & Martin Unger, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

***Why and how to do student representation locally and nationally: a guide for institutional staff***

Aengus Ó Maoláin, National Union of Students in Norway

***How to network – honing your skills, maximizing your chances***

Lobke Dedrie & Eva Booms, Artevelde University College, Belgium

**2 posters:**

***Access and Success Programs: A new class of professionals and functional area programs***

Oscar Felix, Colorado State University, USA & Dr Evelyn Rivera-Torres, University of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico

***Identifying Effective Approaches to Enhance the Social Dimension***

Mary Tupan-Wenno, ECHO, Netherlands

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Opening Plenary: Education and Power**

***Introduction & welcome:***

**Mary Tupan-Wenno**, President, EAN & Executive Director, ECHO, Netherlands

***Advocacy: Politics and Policy***

**Dr Arnold Mitchem**, President Emeritus, Council for Opportunities in Education, USA

15:00 Short break

- 15:15 **Question Time: Politics, Policies, Power and Persuasion**  
Chair: **Diana Wickham**, Partner, Civilis Group, Canada  
**Ella Ghosh**, Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Committee for Gender Balance and Diversity in Research; **Kristian Myhre**, Welfare and Equality Officer at the National Union of Students in Norway
- 16:00 Coffee
- 16:15 14<sup>th</sup> Maggie Woodrow Memorial Lecture  
**Communication Strategies for Equity: from Theory to Practice**  
**Ida Marie Andersen**, Former Senior Communications Adviser, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway
- 19:30 Welcome reception hosted by the Student Parliament at the University of Oslo

## Monday 8 June

- 09:15 Rapporteur's report:  
**Prof Kerry Ferguson**, Consultant, La Trobe University, Australia
- 09:30 **Plenary 1: Education Reforms: From 'what is' to 'what should be'**  
Welcome and Chair: **Anders Kvernmo Langset**, President of the National Union of Students in Norway  
**Ole Petter Ottersen**, Rector, University of Oslo, and Chairperson, Norwegian Rectors' Conference  
**Tricia Jenkins MBE**, Director, International Centre for Excellence in Educational Opportunities, University of Liverpool, UK
- 10:30 Coffee
- 11:00 **Panel discussion: Advocacy for Social Dimension**  
Chair: **Prof Blazenka Divjak**, University of Zagreb, Croatia  
**Martin Unger**, (PL4SD) Senior Researcher, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria  
**Peter Gray**, Adviser, Norwegian University of Science & Technology, Norway  
**Liz Gehrke**, Chair, European Students Union, Belgium  
**Rebecka Stenkvis**, President, Swedish Union of Students
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:15 **Parallel paper and workshop sessions 2**  
**The Student Lifecycle – who has a part to play?**  
Carole Nairn & Gino Graziano, University of Sussex, UK

***Eliminating Disability Discrimination – the University of Sydney 2013-18 Disability Action Plan, a catalyst for change***

Dagmar Kminiak, University of Sydney, Australia

***The Power of Partnership – unified, working together to achieve common goals***

Deidre Creedon, Cork Institute of Technology & Olive Byrne, University College Cork, Ireland

***College Success Program: design, research and best practices***

Dr Victoria Appatova, University of Cincinnati, USA

14:15 Break – coffee on the go

14:25 **Parallel paper and workshop sessions 3**

***Agents of Change: Cultural Transformation within the Visual Arts***

Terry Finnigan, London College of Fashion & Aisha Richards, CLTAD University of the Arts, London, UK

***Mobilizing for Access & Success in Cities & Regions: the power of collective impact strategies***

Jeanna Keller Berdel, Lumina Foundation, USA & Diana Wickham, Civilis Group, Canada

***Using the three R's – reflect, refocus, re-orientate, to develop an outreach programme to meet conflicting priorities and needs***

Cathy McLoughlin & Susan Hawkins, Dublin City University, Ireland

***Political Advocacy: best practices in influencing educational inequalities through applied applications***

Amy Verlanic, Montana Tech & Dr Ngondi Kamatuka, University of Kansas, USA

15:25 Break – coffee on the go

15:35 **Parallel paper and workshop sessions 4**

***A Practitioner's Guide to Increasing Post-Secondary Access and Retention – five effective data-informed interventions***

Sebastian Myrick & Sergio Galvez, Western Association of Educational Opportunity, USA

***SciMathUS: an example of good practice in addressing learning deficits***

Anneke Müller, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

***Summer Bridge Programs: voicing student agency by championing inclusion***

Gusta Tavecchio, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands & Dr Leila Pazargadi, Nevada State College, USA

**2 posters as on Sunday**

19:30 **Conference dinner in Hotel Bristol (optional)**

## Tuesday 9 June

09:15      Rapporteur's report:  
Prof Kerry Ferguson, Consultant, La Trobe University, Australia

### 09:30      **Plenary 2: Education for Development**

Chair: **Kees Smit**, VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands

#### ***Cooperative Development: Students at Risk project***

**Jørn Wichne Pedersen**, Norwegian Students' & Academics' International Assistance Fund (SAIH)

**Majed Abusalama**, University of Tromsø, Norway

#### ***Higher Education and Development: An Opening for Access and Equity?***

**Stefan Bienefeld**, Head of Division Development Co-operation & Trans-regional Programmes, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany

10:45      Coffee

### 11:00      **Plenary 3: Equity Champions – still a lone voice?**

Chair: **Michelle Cooper**, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy, USA

#### ***Access to Post-Secondary Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Meeting the Global Challenge***

**Dr Graeme Atherton**, Director, National Education Opportunities Network, UK

#### ***The Silver Jubilee: 25<sup>th</sup> EAN annual conference, Dublin, Ireland 2016***

**Anna Kelly**, Director, with **Thomond Coogan**, Adult Education Access Coordinator,

**Dr Rhonda Wynne**, Programme Development Manager, UCD Access & Lifelong Learning, University College Dublin, Ireland

### 11:45      **Closing Session**

**Dr Maurits van Rooijen**, Vice-President, EAN & Rector/CEO, London School of Business & Finance, UK

**Anders Kvernmo Langset**, President, National Union of Students in Norway

12:00      End of conference and LUNCH