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Issue

This paper sets out the staff structure of the neaco project, for information of the set up in each county and to identify that the University of Cambridge are the lead on this project for East Anglia.

Recommendation

For members to note scale and scope of the project.
Additional verbal information will be provided on current work the HE Champions are undertaking and preliminary outcomes from a baseline survey which looks at young people's attitudes to HE study.

Resource Implications

None

Risk Implications

No risks from this specific paper.

The risks attached to this project include:

- The funding is only secure until 31st December 2018, with the aim to extend to 31st December 2020, based on progress
- Reputational risk for UEA if we do not meet targets and agreed objectives for the project

Equality and Diversity

Target groups, wards and year groups have been identified by HEFCE as priority areas for Outreach to focus upon. All work we undertake will be targeted to these groups but, wherever possible, an inclusive approach has been taken to ensure we engage with as many young people across Norfolk as possible.

Timing of decisions

None

Further Information

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Background

neaco (Network for East Anglian Collaborative Outreach) is the East Anglian consortium of the HEFCE funded initiative NCOP (National Collaborative Outreach Programme). NCOP sets to close the gap, by 2020, in progression to HE for students from under-represented groups, specifically:

- Double the number of students from disadvantaged backgrounds progressing to HE
- 20% increase in progression to HE from BME students
- Focus on white-working class boys progression to HE

By identifying GAP Wards, where GCSE attainment is good but progression to HE lower than you would expect, HEIs have been asked to work collaboratively to target students in Year 9-13 from these target wards.

We are working jointly with University of Cambridge, University of Suffolk, Anglia Ruskin University and Norwich University of the Arts, plus the eight FE Colleges across the region to deliver on this project.

With the largest number of target wards and target pupils to reach, we have taken the approach of employing staff to be based in schools and colleges across the region to work directly with schools and students to address the barriers they face in considering HE as a viable option for them. These members of staff, HE Champions, are based in one school / college and engage with a cluster of schools nearby. We have 10 HE Champions in Norfolk and 50 schools / colleges to work with.

Discussion

Discussion can be based around any queries members have about the project, our methodology, targets and objectives.

Attachments

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