



**NCSEHE**

National Centre for Student  
Equity in Higher Education



**Curtin University**

# WORLD ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

28 November 2018 — Curtin University  
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#WAHED2018

**Make tomorrow better.**

# What is World Access to Higher Education Day?

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World Access to Higher Education Day (WAHED), led by the National Education Opportunities Network (NEON), and supported by NCUK, will network multiple conferences globally to focus the attention of stakeholders from across the world on the issues of access and diversity in higher education.

WAHED will have the following objectives:

- engage stakeholders from across the public and private sector in equitable access to higher education
- act as a global platform that can add value to work being undertaken at local level, and also can lever in greater support for equitable access work at national and international level
- establish goals to orientate action to make access to higher education equitable across the world
- launch a new global Higher Education Access & Diversity consortium
- articulate 'access to higher education' as including the completion of quality higher education and progression into post-higher education study/work for learners from underrepresented groups.

WAHED components:

- A network of international conferences occurring on WAHED 2018 — Worldwide organisations/institutions will host events on WAHED 2018.
- Worldwide 'access & diversity slam' — Individual countries will showcase innovative access and diversity activities in their own countries.
- Global student voices campaign — Bringing together the voices of students from diverse communities and their stories from across the world.
- Launch of the Global Higher Education Access & Diversity Consortium — It is envisaged such a consortium will focus in particular on building the evidence base and using this to advocate for change and driving forward innovation in practice.

## About the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education

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The National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education began operation in 2008, hosted by the University of South Australia. In May 2013, Curtin University won the bid to take over the Centre and received funding to achieve its aim of informing public policy design and implementation and institutional practice, to improve higher education participation and success for marginalised and disadvantaged people.

The NCSEHE's objectives are:

- to be at the centre of public policy dialogue about equity in higher education
- to assist in closing the loop between equity policy, research and practice by:
  - > supporting and informing evaluation of current equity practice, with a particular focus on identifying good practice
  - > identifying innovative approaches to equity through existing research and the development of a forward research program to fill gaps in knowledge
  - > translating these learnings into practical advice for decision-makers and practitioners alike.

The NCSEHE's key purpose is "to inform public policy design and implementation, and institutional practice, to improve higher education participation and success for marginalised and disadvantaged people."

In keeping with its purpose, the NCSEHE is connecting Commonwealth student equity policy with the activities of higher education institutions and national equity outcomes through its input into comparative assessment of institutional strategies, systemic assessments of policy achievements and assessments of national policy-making in view of this evidence. The Centre's focus is based on three programs of research activity:

1. Equity Policy and Program Evaluation
2. Equity Policy and Planning Research
3. Student Equity Data.

“Assisting in closing the loop between equity policy, research and practice.”

# Program

12:30 PM	Registration, coffee and food platters on arrival
1:00 PM	Welcome to Country
1:10 PM	Introduction, overview and welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curtin University Provost, Professor John Cordery</li><li>• NCSEHE Director, Professor Sue Trinidad</li><li>• Minister's Address: The Hon. Dan Tehan MP</li></ul>
1:35 PM	NCSEHE Chair, Ms Erin Watson-Lynn
1:45 PM	Student Panel — Chaired by Professor Sally Kift
2:15 PM	<i>Student Voice</i> — Individual student stories
3:00 PM	2019 Combined EPHEA and NAEAA Conference introduction: Ms Gabrielle O'Brien and Ms Kylie Austin
Afternoon tea, meet and greet <i>Student Voice</i> participants	
3:45 PM	Keynote: Professor Glenn Withers
4:15 PM	Introduction of NCSEHE Research Fellow by Emeritus Professor Lesley Parker
4:25 PM	NCSEHE Research Fellow presentation and Q&A: Associate Professor Maria Raciti <i>How the perceived risks of going to university influence the decision by people from low SES backgrounds to participate in Australian higher education</i>
5:00 PM	NCSEHE Equity Fellows past and present: Emeritus Professor Lesley Parker
5:15 PM	<i>A Vision for Student Equity 2030</i> : Dr Nadine Zacharias and Mr Matt Brett
5:45 PM	Live cross to launch WAHED UK, including conference welcome by Dr Graeme Atherton and Professor Helen Higson
6:20 PM	Summary, conclusion and close: Professor Sue Trinidad
6:30–8:00 PM	Social reception and SPERA Conference welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NCSEHE Research Grants Program report release — <i>People seeking asylum in Australia: Access and support in higher education</i>: Dr Lisa Hartley and Associate Professor Caroline Fleay, introduced by Professor John Phillimore</li><li>• Welcome to 34<sup>th</sup> National SPERA Conference: Mr Brian O'Neil</li></ul>

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<https://worldaccesshe.com/>



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