



# INSTITUTE for EQUITY UNIVERSITY CENTRE

## **Access and Participation Services**

The Office for Students (OfS) in introducing a revised approach to Access and Participation now requires higher education institutions to identify the key areas of risk for students as aligned to its Equality of Opportunity Risk Register. Higher Education Institutions registered with the OfS have undertaken an assessment of their performance using data from the Office for Students dashboard, additional internal student data and evidence from across the sector to identify which areas of risk are most pertinent to their context and have developed approaches to mitigate risk accordingly.

Access and Participation plans contain the intervention strategies and associated activities that institutions have identified to mitigate risk and also the evaluation strategies that they will develop to ensure the impact of these activities is understood. The greater emphasis on evaluation in the latest iteration of APPs means that as a sector we will be able to see more clearly the impact of work that attempts to mitigate, reduce or eliminate disparities. As the only Institute in the country focused entirely on Equity and Inclusion, the Institute for Equity University Centre is excited by the potential this offers us in collating a greater understanding of the work of the sector in this domain.

The Institute for Equity University Centre has a number of services to support you with your APP activities and also with your evaluation. As an institute we are underpinned by three pillars: Research, Capacity Building and Institutional Support all of which inform our approach. We have the expertise to support you in:

- Developing appropriate activity to support intervention strategies.
- Implementation and delivery of activities
- Developing a theory of change
- Undertaking evaluation.
- Supporting interconnected evaluation for whole provider approaches.

The Institute of Equity has codified EDI as an educational discipline and therefore our approach is driven by the pursuit of equity and inclusion. We have the expertise and the passion to support you in this work.

Please contact us for an informal conversation about the support you need and how we may be able to assist you.

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