

**Gavin Barwell MP
welcomes you to:**

Aimhigher...
London South

**Developing partnerships to ensure appropriate
progression for all**

From Aimhigher London South to Aimhigher London South Ltd.
Celebrating the achievements of the government funded project
and introducing network partners in London and the UK to the new
network from November 2011.

Thursday 19th January 2012
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Jubilee Room, House of Commons

Programme

- 6:10pm** **Welcome and introduction,**
Gavin Barwell MP
- 6:20pm** **Introduction and event details,**
Catherine Fenwick, Director Aimhigher London South
- 6:30pm** **The Aimhigher Student's Perspective,**
Dana Ali, Former Aimhigher learner Addington High School
- 6:40pm** **The Academy's Perspective**
*Hannah Wilson, Assistant Principal and Aimhigher Coordinator
Harris Academy Merton*
- 6:50pm** **The Further Education Perspective,**
Kevin Maskell, Director Aimhigher London South
- 7:00pm** **Developing Networks for target groups of students,**
Suzanne Marchment, Director Aimhigher London South
- 7:10pm** **Partnership working and collaboration,**
*Michael Hill, Director of Academic Development Kingston
University and Action on Access*
- 7:20pm** **The University Perspective,**
Julius Weinberg, Vice Chancellor Kingston University
- 7:30pm** **Concluding Remarks,**
Catherine Fenwick, Director Aimhigher London South

**Please take the opportunity to network with colleagues and learn about
the developments of the partnership**

Our Event Sponsor, Gavin Barwell MP

As Croydon Central MP, Gavin is interested in young people in Croydon achieving their full potential, and is actively working to enable more young people in Croydon to be able to progress onto higher level courses irrespective of socio economic or cultural background.

Dana Ali, Former Aimhigher learner, Addington High School

Dana will describe her journey to Higher Education from Addington High School in Croydon and the supporting role of the Aimhigher partnership to enable her to overcome progression barriers and achieve her goal of studying medicine at St George's University of London.

Hannah Wilson, Assistant Principal and Aimhigher Coordinator Harris Academy Merton

Hannah will identify what has been learnt from her many years in the partnership, how that has impacted on the structures and improvements in progression at Harris Academy, Merton as well as her own professional development.

"...evidence suggests that the more Aimhigher is incorporated into the overall structure of the school, the more pupils will feel engaged with the programme and the more they will feel it benefits them"

Extract from research report: 'Exploration of the Factors that Increase the Impact of Aspiration Raising activities Aimhigher Schools', (Aimhigher London South, July 2011)

Kevin Maskell, Director Aimhigher London South

As the former Croydon Borough Coordinator, Aimhigher/Gifted and Talented Coordinator and Assistant Principal of John Ruskin Sixth Form College in Croydon, Kevin will outline the benefits of partnership work to learners in Further Education.

An FE College:

"BTEC National Sports applications to Higher Education increased from 20% prior to the Vocational Progression Scheme activity to 80% after the interventions had been completed"

Extract from: Aimhigher London South HEFCE Report 2009-10

Suzanne Marchment, Director Aimhigher London South

Suzanne will talk about how Aimhigher London South will continue to ensure that partners across London develop networks for Learners in Care and Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties. She will also outline some of the benefits to date and the goals for the future.

'Pre-programme 80% students in Local Authority care reported 'little' or 'no confidence' in the prospect of going to University. Post- programme 100% felt confident they could go, if they chose to.'

Michael Hill, Director of Academic Development Kingston University and Action on Access

Michael will outline the role Action on Access plays in conjunction with partnerships such as Aimhigher London South in linking schools, colleges and universities to ensure Fair Access to Higher Education.

Julius Weinberg, Vice Chancellor Kingston University

As one of our two hosting organisations, the Vice Chancellor of Kingston University will explain why the university is supporting the network so vigorously and the importance of such a network to ensure learners of all ages progress onto higher level courses irrespective of socio economic or cultural background.

Attending Organisations

Action on Access
AchieveAbility Ltd
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Croydon Education Improvement Partnership
Higher Education Funding Council for England
KPMG
Linking London
Mayor's Office, Greater London Authority
NHS London
Office for Fair Access
Open College Network London Region
Richmond Local Authority
Social Mobility Foundation
West London Fair Access Group

Attending Universities

Coventry University (London Campus)
Goldsmiths, University of London
Imperial College, London
Kingston University
London South Bank University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Queen Mary University of London
St George's University of London
St Mary's University College, Twickenham
University of Cambridge
University of East London
University of Greenwich
University of Roehampton
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
Wimbledon College of Art

Attending Schools

Addington High School
Bexleyheath Academy
Bishopsford Arts College
Cambridge Heath Sixth Form
Chessington Community College
Harris Academy Beckenham
Harris Academy Merton
Harris Academy South Norwood
Kings College Wimbledon
Riddlesdown Collegiate
Southborough High School
St Mark's Church of England Academy
St Mary's Academy Islington
The Archbishop Lanfranc School
The Quest Academy
Tolworth Girls' School
Westwood Girls' College for Languages and Arts

Attending Colleges

Bromley College of Further & Higher Education incorporating Orpington College
Carshalton College
Coulson Sixth Form College
Croydon College
Hillcroft College
John Ruskin College
Kingston College
Richmond upon Thames College
South Thames College incorporating Merton College