



Supporting Teachers in the North East

Outreach North East are committed to supporting teachers and advisers to access the information and resources they need, in relation to higher education progression, to best support their students. During the 2020-21 academic year, Outreach North East are working with UCAS to commission a bespoke programme of CPD events for teachers and advisers in the region.

Outreach North East is a single point of contact hub for teachers and advisers in the North East of England which signposts to and improves access to information and support to encourage progression to higher education. Aiming to provide impartial information about higher education, Outreach North East delivers free CPD to teachers and advisers in the region. This work is being carried out as part of the North East Uni Connect Programme which is part of the Office for Students' Uni Connect Programme, offering a powerful, strategic and flexible network with local and regional partners, able to support the levelling up agenda and delivery of other government priorities in local and regional communities.

The University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) is an independent charity providing information, advice, and admissions services to inspire and facilitate educational progression. In addition to facilitating applications to undergraduate, postgraduate, conservatoire and teacher training courses, UCAS also provide a range of information to facilitate decision making around post 16 choices, aimed at students, parents and teachers.

Outreach North East have commissioned UCAS to deliver a series of online teacher CPD events throughout the 2020-21 academic year which aim to increase the level of knowledge around admissions and the support available from UCAS with teachers across the region. By working with teachers and advisers in this way it is hoped that this knowledge becomes embedded in schools and there is therefore a higher level of support for students across the region both now and in the future. Content will be focussed on key points in the admissions cycle and will include sessions on personal statements, choosing options, the 21/22 admissions cycle, and confirmation and clearing.

Outreach North East are the first Uni Connect Programme to work with UCAS to deliver a specific regional programme of events of this kind. The scheduled activities will add value to the national activity delivered by UCAS as they will be tailored to the needs of the teachers and advisers attending. In addition to the session content, each session will have a live question and answer session, allowing delegates to ask questions that are specific to their school or institution.

UCAS are a trusted organisation in the sector, for CPD, and the development of their online offer of activity is a positive step for the region as it will enable a greater level of engagement from teachers who have been unable to access events in the past due to the travel and financial commitments.

Lucy McMahon, the Project Manager for Outreach North East, said "We're really excited to be working with UCAS to deliver this programme of CPD to teachers and advisers in our region. Our chosen delivery method means that each topic can be tailored to suit the needs of the region and gives teachers and advisers the opportunity to have meaningful encounters with UCAS. We hope that the information delivered through these sessions will create a lasting impact in the region and equip teachers with the knowledge and skills they need to best support their students decision making."

Sessions from UCAS and Outreach North East will begin in January 2021 and registration will take place at www.outreachnortheast.ac.uk/CPD