

Widening Participation Outreach Teacher Advisory Group (WPTAG)

Terms of Reference

Role and Purpose

The University of Bath has ambitious targets set out in its [Access and Participation Plan](#) to diversify the undergraduate student body. To achieve this the University has a Widening Participation (WP) Outreach Team who develop, coordinate and deliver a wide range of outreach activity to multiple thousands of students each year. To ensure the activity is supporting students from under-represented backgrounds to reach Bath the WPTAG, made up of teachers and school/college professionals, exists to give teachers a voice in the design and delivery of outreach activity.

The role of this advisory group is to act as a critical friend to the WP Outreach Team and to advise on the general University of Bath strategy for WP Outreach.

From a current teacher's and adviser's perspective, members will give their opinions of current and planned outreach activity and be able to suggest new activity that will support the aims of recruiting a more diverse cohort of students to Bath. They will also have the opportunity to request specific widening participation outreach activities or opportunities for their school and students, and be provided access to various expertise within the University as is identified to be helpful (e.g. careers, academic skills, subject academics etc).

The group will:

- act as a critical friend to the WP Outreach Team through:
 - providing feedback on current WP outreach initiatives
 - reviewing plans for future WP activity
- use the combined experience of the group to suggest new activity
- engage their wider teaching community with WP aims and activity

Members, Chair, Attendees, Secretary, Terms

- (1) The group will meet virtually at least three times per academic year (one meeting per term). Additional meetings may be called as required.
- (2) Members will be expected have experience in teaching or advising young people from under-represented backgrounds.
- (3) The Head of Widening Access and Participation will Chair the meetings and a member of the WP Outreach Team will secretary the group.
- (4) Membership of the group will be reviewed at the end of each academic year. Members may terminate their post in writing (by email or letter) to the Chair of the Group at any time.
- (5) Other interested parties may be invited to attend meetings by the Chair and/or by members on an ad-hoc basis as agreed with the group

(6) The WP Outreach Team will publish details of this Advisory group (WPTAG) on its website including membership and terms of reference.