



*Advancing social equality: the role of higher education, employers, and government
Tuesday 21st May 2019: BBC Radio Theatre, Broadcasting House*

10:30 **Arrival and refreshments**

11:00 **Welcome address**

Tony Hall, Baron Hall of Birkenhead (Director-General, BBC)
Nik Miller (Chief Executive, Bridge Group)

11:15 – 12:30 ***A more equal society is better for everyone: how can government, education, and employers help us get there?***

Keynote Professor Danny Dorling (Professor of Geography, University of Oxford)

11:45 – 12:30 **Panel debate** Facilitator: Polly Toynbee (Journalist, Author, and Broadcaster)

- Emran Mian (Director-General, Strategy, DfE)
- Dr Sam Friedman (LSE)
- Christina Blacklaws (President, Law Society)
- Professor Danny Dorling

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 ***Advancing social equality in higher education: practical steps to effect change***

13:30 – 14:00 **Keynote** Gordon Marsden MP (Shadow Minister for Higher Education, Further Education, and Skills)

14:00 – 15:00 **Panel debate** Facilitator: Mary Curnock Cook OBE (education consultant)

- Professor Vikki Boliver (University of Durham)
- Professor Tim Blackman (Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University)
- Professor Dame Janet Beer (Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool and President, Universities UK)
- Gordon Marsden MP

15:00 – 16:15 ***Advancing socio-economic diversity and inclusion: practical steps for employers***

15:00 – 15:30 **Keynote** Nik Miller (Chief Executive, Bridge Group)

15:30 – 16:15 **Panel debate** Facilitator: Nik Miller

- John Amaechi OBE (Organisational Psychologist and New York Times best-selling author)
- Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson (Paralympian, Crossbench Peer, Broadcaster)
- Melanie Richards (Deputy Chair and Partner, KPMG UK)

16:15 **Closing remarks** Professor Sir John Holman (Chair of Trustees, Bridge Group)

16.30 – 17.30 **Networking reception**