

heppFEST

SHAPING THE FUTURE THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION, PROGRESSION AND PARTNERSHIP

FESTIVAL GUIDE

7TH–10TH FEBRUARY 2022

This edition of HeppFest will focus on providing knowledge and guidance to enable learners and those who support them to have the confidence to make an informed decision about higher education. Each day will follow a set theme and there will be events for a variety of audiences, delivered by a partnership of organisations from across Yorkshire and including some exciting keynote speakers.

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KEYNOTES

LEON TAYLOR

9am Monday 7 February



An Olympic medallist in diving, after 20 years in elite sport, Leon has gone on to commentate for the BBC, becoming the 'Voice of Diving'. Leon is also a mentor and coach for Olympic and Paralympic athletes. Additionally, Leon's passion for physical and mental wellbeing saw him deliver a TEDx talk viewed by over a million people. Now, Leon enjoys his role as a Headspace Coach and continues to share his experience with others. He has an infectious passion and enthusiasm to share the lessons he has learnt and, as a result, has spoken at a wide range of events, focusing on high performance, change, innovation, mindset and dealing with adversity.

Why they are perfect for HeppFest

Achieving success at the highest level in such a physically and mentally demanding sport has provided Leon with enough challenges, interesting insights and stories to truly bring his inspirational message to life. Leon has a talent for motivating others to improve how they think, move, and feel and is excited to share this with HeppSY schools and colleges!

PAUL HUGHES

9am Tuesday 8 February



A former Royal Air Force Special Operator, United Nations Weapons Inspector, Multilingual Interpreter (Arabic, Pashto & Russian) and now Chief of Special Projects for a world leading counter-drone company - Paul's experience and knowledge is vast, underpinned by his commitment to being what he calls a 'Disciple of Elite Performance'.

Now, Paul's time includes running a forensic research company, media production work (including being on Channel 4's Celebrity Hunted and Hunted as the Lead Analyst) as well as the aforementioned counter-drone work – all of which takes him to every corner of the world.

Why they are perfect for HeppFest

Paul's success has not arrived easily. As a teenager he loathed secondary school, suffered from low confidence and as he pointed out had "no idea of my physical or academic potential". However, he grew to learn how to maximise his latent potential through the simple equation: " $Achievement = Skill \times Effort$ ", and by doing so subsequently achieved a truly remarkable career.

Now, Paul spends his time enthusing students via his talks on how to achieve their goals. He has won international awards for motivational speaking and wants to take people on a journey through his talks – showing that no one is a superhuman all the time!



MORGAN McARTHUR

9am Wednesday 9 February

Morgan is currently the Activities and Development Officer at Sheffield Students' Union and Treasurer of the British Council. She has won a global youth award "Top Talents Under 25" awarded to

outstanding young people who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and the willingness to drive change.

Throughout her time at university, Morgan has represented youth change on national and international levels, notably through her work and volunteering with the National Citizen Service. Subsequent to this award, Morgan joined a network of global experts in change and specialised in international development!

Why they are perfect for HeppFest

Morgan is passionate and enthusiastic about making society more inclusive, accessible and intuitive and is looking forward to sharing this passion and enthusiasm with South Yorkshire students!



KERRY PRESTON

9am Thursday 10 February

Kerry is a PhD Criminology researcher at the University of Essex specialising in street gangs. Her current research project is a comparative study of the lived experiences and desistance processes of Los Angeles and London gang members. She is committed to finding more ethical and effective approaches to helping young people quit gangs, escape youth violence and reintegrate into society. She is incredibly proud and grateful to be a studentship recipient, meaning her PhD research is fully funded, allowing her to reduce her working hours as a retail supervisor to part-time and focus on her research.

Her journey into higher education has been unusual but unbelievably rewarding. Through university, she has made life-long friends, discovered her strengths and passions, and has had experiences she could have only dreamt of - including living in California!

Why they are perfect for HeppFest

Kerry is becoming increasingly involved in widening participation and is passionate about using her own experiences to help and inspire young people to break through barriers and succeed in higher education!

SCHEDULE



Monday 7 February

Tuesday 8 February

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Is it for me?

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9am

Keynote: Leon Taylor

Keynote: Paul Hughes

Keynote: Morgan McArthur

Keynote: Kerry Preston

10am

What is Higher Education?

KS3

Choices and Pathways

KS3

Ambassador Q&A Session

KS3

Benefits of Higher Education

KS3

11am

Connecting with Your Future Self

KS4

What Next After Year 11

KS4

Student Life

KS4

Benefits of Higher Education

KS4

1pm

Why Higher Education?

L3/KS5

The UCAS Process

L3/KS3

Student Life

L3/KS5

Future Labour Market Trends

L3/KS5

2pm

Benefits of a Russell Group University

KS5

Degree Apprenticeships

KS4/KS5

Student Life

KS4/KS5

Is It Worth It?

KS3/KS4/KS5

4pm

The Benefits of Higher Education for Mature Learners

Student Finance for Parents, Carers and Influencers

Supporting a Learner in Higher Education - A Parent/Carer's Approach

Graduate Stories

4.30pm

Helping Your Learners to Access Higher Education in a Changed Landscape

5pm

Attainment Raising Activity - a joined up approach - teacher consultation

Funding Support for Disabled Learners

YouCan - A Self-Led Tool for Learners

Mature Learners - It's Never too Late to Learn!

IS IT FOR ME?

MON 7 FEB

9am Leon Taylor Keynote

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10am What is Higher Education?

Aimed at: KS3

Delivered by: HeppSY

This session will help learners consider what study at Higher Education looks like and explore the benefits.

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11am Connecting with Your Future Self

Aimed at: KS4

Delivered by: Humber Outreach Programme (HOP)

This session will clarify and help learners connect with their future selves, understand what 'imposter syndrome' is and how to challenge it, and create a roadmap linking the present to the future.

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1pm Why Higher Education?

Aimed at: KS5/L3

Delivered by: Future Higher York (FutureHY)

This session will consider a number of key questions: What is Higher Education? Why go? What is the difference between Further Education and Higher Education? Where can I study? What can I study? Who can go/how to apply? Can I afford to go? This 30 minute session will also feature interactive myth busting and will be followed by a related question and answer session with Hepp's student ambassadors.

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2pm The Benefits of a Russell Group University

Aimed at: KS5/L3

Delivered by: The University of Sheffield

This informative talk introduces competitive courses and the Russell Group, highlighting some of the positive aspects that Russell Group universities can bring to their students.

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4pm The Benefits of Higher Education for Mature Learners

Aimed at: Mature Learners

Delivered by: Sheffield Hallam University and The University of Sheffield

This jointly delivered session is designed to help mature learners understand the benefits of Higher Education.

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5pm Attainment Raising Activity – a Joined Up Approach – Teacher/Adviser Consultation

Aimed at: School Staff

Delivered by: Hepp

Following the Secretary of State's recent publication of their desire for Higher Education institutions to work more closely with schools to raise attainment, Mike Garnock-Jones, Hepp Director invites senior school colleagues to a round table discussion of what meaningful engagement in this space could be.

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HOW DO I GET THERE?

TUE 8 FEB

9am Paul Hughes Keynote

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10am Choices and Pathways

Aimed at: KS3

Delivered by: Hepp

This session will help learners to understand how to make a good decision and be able to apply this skill to upcoming educational choices. Learners will also begin to understand their KS4 options and where they fit in relation to future Post-16, Higher Education and career progression opportunities.

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11am What Next After Year 11?

Aimed at: KS4

Delivered by: HeppSY Higher Education Progression Advisers

Our qualified careers advisers will help learners understand their post 16 options.

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1pm The UCAS Process

Aimed at: KS5/L3

Delivered by: The University of Sheffield

A talk that introduces students to the actual process of applying to university through UCAS.

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2pm Degree Apprenticeships

Aimed at: KS4/KS5

Delivered by: Sheffield Hallam University

An introduction to degree apprenticeships as a Higher Education option.

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4pm Student Finance

Aimed at: Parents, Carers and Influencers

Delivered by: Student Finance England

This session will provide a brief and general introduction to the student finance system to enable parents and carers to effectively support their learners.

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4.30pm Helping Your Learners to Access Higher Education in a Changed Landscape

Aimed at: Teachers/Advisers

Delivered by: Sheffield Hallam University and The University of Sheffield

This session will provide an introduction for teachers and advisers, helping learners to navigate the new demographic when applying to higher education and the idea of tariff as currency in an increasingly competitive market.

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5pm Funding Support for Disabled Learners

Aimed at: Parents, Carers and Influencers

Delivered by: Hepp

This is an opportunity to find out what Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) is, what forms you need to complete and the support provided for disabled students at higher education institutions.

This session will also offer the chance for a Q&A session with current students studying a degree with a disability.

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WHAT IS IT LIKE?

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9am Morgan McArthur Keynote

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10am Ambassador Q&A Session

Aimed at: KS3

Delivered by: HeppSY

A chance to ask our Student Ambassadors about life at university. There will be a chance for participants to submit questions in advance of the session.

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11am Student Life

Aimed at: KS4

Delivered by: Future Higher York (FutureHY)

Student Ambassador-led Student Life workshop. This session will ask; what else can you do as a student? and provide information on sports, societies, study abroad, student jobs, Student Union activities, social life and volunteering.

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1pm Student Life

Aimed at: KS5/L3

Delivered by: Sheffield Hallam University

A session for students in further education around student life, featuring Student Ambassadors from Sheffield Hallam University.

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2pm Student Life

Aimed at: KS4/KS5

Delivered by: The University of Sheffield

This session provides insight into what it is really like to be a university student balancing studying with socialising. It considers where students may choose to live, extra-curricular opportunities available to them such as studying abroad, joining clubs and societies and part-time work, and considers what learning at university is like.

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4pm Supporting a Learner in Higher Education, A Parent/Carers Approach

Aimed at: Parents/Carers

Delivered by: Hepp

This session will provide practical advice and guidance to enable parents and carers to support their learner in exploring the Higher Education landscape.

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5pm YouCan: A Self-Led Tool for Learners

Aimed at: Teachers/Advisers

Delivered by: HeppSY

This session will provide a practical demonstration of an excellent and free resource allowing learners to explore higher education opportunities remotely and at their own pace.

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IS IT WORTH IT? WHERE DOES IT LEAD?

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9am Kerry Preston Keynote

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10am Benefits of Higher Education

Aimed at: KS3

Delivered by: Hepp

This session will enable learners to understand what university/Higher Education is and the different reasons why people choose to go.

Learners will also begin to understand the key differences between school and university/Higher Education.

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11am Benefits of Higher Education

Aimed at: KS4

Delivered by: The University of Sheffield

This session aims to help students gain understanding of the benefits of Higher Education. It considers the reasons why people choose university and what the main benefits are of attending university including transferable skills, studying abroad, and future jobs and salaries.

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1pm Future Labour Market Trends

Aimed at: KS5/L3

Delivered by: HeppSY Higher Education Progression Advisers

This session will help participants understand the future labour market and the relevance of this to their consideration of Higher Education.

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2pm Is It Worth It?

Aimed at: Parents, Carers and Influencers

Delivered by: Go Higher West Yorkshire

An interactive live session hosted with a panel of Higher Education Outreach Officers from across West Yorkshire to discuss whether Higher Education is worth it?

The panel will delve into topics such as:

- Can I afford it? General HE Student Finance
- Salaries
- Degrees as a gatekeeper- The skills you will require as a student
- What employers want

The session will close with a live Q&A with student ambassadors answering all of your questions!

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4pm Graduate Stories

Aimed at: Parents, Carers and Influencers

Delivered by: Hepp/HeppSY

This session will be a discussion of some of the graduate journeys taken by our Higher Education Engagement Assistants who are all recent graduates.

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5pm Mature Learners – It's Never too Late to Learn!

Aimed at: Mature Learners

Delivered by: Hepp

The Higher Education Progression Partnership will be running an online session with education providers from across our region to help you discover the different options for adults wanting to progress their learning. From learning a new hobby through to studying for a qualification at college or university, the options are endless!

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The Higher Education Progression Partnership (Hepp) works across South Yorkshire. Our mission is to ensure that every young person knows that higher education exists and could be an option for them.

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