London’s universities and higher education colleges are a powerhouse of research, teaching and technology transfer unrivalled anywhere in the UK, Europe and beyond.

Collectively, higher education institutions (HEIs) in London:
- Generate £17 billion each year in goods and services including £2.5 billion in export earnings, supporting 163,500 jobs at all skill levels;
- Educate 372,000 students from the UK and overseas, who are able to choose from 30,000 undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications;
- Employ over 89,800 academic and non-academic staff;
- Win nearly £300 million in Research Council grants and £480 million of research funding as recurrent grants from HEFCE;
- Attract 107,200 overseas students from over 200 countries, who in turn contribute at least £2.9 billion annually to the London economy;
- Produce over 135,000 skilled graduates every year, nearly 90% of whom work in London, East Anglia or the South East.

A UNIQUE CLUSTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS...

Providers of higher education who are members or partners of London Higher

“Higher education in London is in the midst of radical changes. London Higher is helping members adjust to this shifting environment.”

Professor Geoff Petts, Chair of London Higher

Our work is important because...

London’s HEIs make massive contributions to their local communities and the wider UK. Our members enrich people’s lives on every step of their journey through life.
London Higher is the place where universities and higher education colleges come together to identify the opportunities and address the challenges of working in London.

We are a not-for-profit charity and company limited by guarantee established in 1999 by over forty higher education institutions (HEIs).

We run four core collaborative programmes, each with its own stream of advocacy, promotion and research activities:

1. **Case for HE** creating a robust evidence-base pertaining to, and in support of, HE in London

2. **London Medicine & Healthcare**, bringing together London’s schools of medicine, dentistry, healthcare and clinical academic disciplines

3. **AccessHE and NEON**, the largest network of HEIs working together to widen access to HE in England

4. **London Higher Europe**, a consortium of universities developing strategic engagement with the European Union

In addition, we manage a number of special projects some of which will become the collaborations of the future.

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**Our work is important because...**

There is no other body or agency that embodies higher education in London to the same extent and breadth as London Higher.
Case for HE is a core work stream of London Higher, resourced primarily by member contributions in association with HEFCE.

The programme aims to create an ongoing and robust evidence-base in support of higher education in the capital.

**Networks**
- Brexit Task Group
- Research Excellence Group
- HE Planners’ Group
- Directors of Marketing Group
- GLA Student Housing Group
- London Higher Visa Club
- London Centres Group
- London International Directors Group
- London Urban Research Network
- Support for the Careers Strategy London Group

**Advocacy**
- Assist GLA with student housing projections and mapping needs for university estates
- Discussions with DfE and HEFCE on TEF metrics
- London HE Prezi presented at the House of Lords

**Consultations**
- Responded to TEF Year 2 specification
- Roundtable with Madeleine Atkins, Chief Executive, HEFCE
- Private Meeting with Jo Johnson, Minister for Universities and Science

**Research**
- EU students and staff in London
- Trends in student numbers
- Exploring impact of Brexit on EU and overseas recruitment
- ‘Looking beyond public engagement’ discussions on how London HE communicates with local communities

“The Planners’ Group is enabling us to highlight possible concerns for London HEIs, such as location-related issues with TEF benchmarks.”

Dr Christine Couper, Member of London Planners’ Group

**Events and meetings arranged by Case for HE each year**

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Our work is important because...

The key to thriving in a challenging HE environment is timely and accurate intelligence. Our networks and analysis of London data give members this edge.
Discussion and advocacy on the delivery of medical and healthcare education and training in London.

London Medicine & Healthcare brings together senior representatives from London’s schools of medicine, dentistry, clinical academic disciplines, nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions.

**London Medicine**

- Launched Vital Signs initiative on Clinical Placements in UG Medicine to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the current placement system in London
- A report on the placement system in London, case studies on placement funding, an analysis of students’ perspectives and a recommendations of best practice document
- Task groups on the DH consultation on medical schools expansion in England and responded to the consultation

**Healthcare Education Group**

- Advisory group meetings with invited guests including HEFCE and HEE to provide updates to the group
- WP sub-group to discuss widening access to healthcare subjects and launched a quarterly e-bulletin on WP and healthcare activity
- Survey on nursing recruitment to monitor the environment during the move from bursaries to loans
- Hosted a sub-group meeting with HEFCE to discuss small and specialist healthcare subjects

**Joint Initiatives**

- Breakfast meeting focusing on how the HE White Paper and TEF may affect healthcare education and training
- Breakfast meeting to explore the topic 'Education in Patient Safety and Quality'

18% Percentage of medicine and healthcare students studying in London

“London has a unique diversity of students, patients and services and delivers world renowned medical education.”

Professor Deborah Gill, Chair of London Medicine

Our work is important because...

Maintaining dialogue between our members and health policy leaders we are able to help London HEIs plan the health training needs for the country.
ACCESSHE AND NEON

AccessHE is the largest regional network in England engaging with over 300 HEIs, schools and colleges working in London to widen access to HE.

Being part of AccessHE enables its members to develop collaborative relationships in London and to participate in joint activities.

AccessHE Forums and Groups
- The Arts and Design Forum
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Forum
- Care experienced and estranged students Forum
- Disability Forum
- Evidence & Evaluation Forum
- School Strategy Group
- Student Advisory Group
- Student Ambassador Forum
- AccessHE Creative Network

AccessHE projects, events & research
- AccessHE Online
- Disability conference
- Impact London project to support members with publishing research
- Key partner in London National Collaborative Outreach Programme
- Life after University event for university students from care backgrounds
- Research into unaccompanied asylum seeker children accessing HE
- Research into widening access to creative arts and design HE courses
- Student Ambassador conference

NEON Events
- Fifth Annual NEON Summer Symposium 'Widening Access in Higher Education: Are we there yet?'
- Fifth Annual NEON Awards
- Access Academy Training Programme
- New programme of training support for NCOP
- Five National Working Groups

NEON Research and Advocacy
- Concentrated effort to include FE in larger sector approach to widening access
- Follow-up research on the impact of cost on HE participation – ‘Does Cost Matter 3?’
- Upcoming task group focused on white working class boys
- Sector-wide surveys on best practice

£20m Investment in outreach activity by AccessHE members with Access Agreements www.accesshe.ac.uk

“London leads the UK on widening access to higher education.”
Professor John Raftery, Chair of AccessHE

Our work is important because...
The Prime Minister has set a challenging goal to double the participation of students from disadvantaged backgrounds entering HE by 2020.
A consortium of universities developing strategic engagement between London HEIs and the European Union.

London Higher Europe supports 11 London HEIs to increase their capacity and experience of EU engagement and funding programmes.

**Technical Support**
- Helped members with technical queries
- Set up Task Groups on Big Data and the Creative Industries and continued to run Migration Task Group
- Joined ERRIN and helped set up new network of HEIs in Brussels

**Delegations to Brussels**
- Brexit Task Group Delegation: A two-day delegation of the London Brexit Task Group to meet senior EU and UK officials
- University Research Administrators Study Trip to Brussels
- Early Career Researchers Study Trip to Brussels

**Training & Information Events**
- Private Brexit Briefing for LHE members with MoL officials
- Workshop on IPR and the EU
- Workshop on Alternative Sources of EU funding
- Workshop on Evaluation of EU funding proposals

**Dissemination**
- Five newsletters for LHE members, one targeted at those interested in ESIF funding and one covering other EU funds (including H2020), LHE activities and news from members
- Participated in over 24 meetings promoting London HE both in Brussels and London

£1bn
Value London HEIs attract through engagement with Europe each year  www.londonhigher.eu

“It is essential that London HEIs continue to nurture their EU partnerships and contacts during this challenging time”.

Dr Yulia Matskevitch, Chair of London Higher Europe

Our work is important because...
Despite Brexit the UK remains a full member of the EU until at least 2019 and London HEIs will continue to conduct research in partnership with the EU long after this.
This year we have published fifteen reports, briefings, written responses and factsheets and convened 117 major meetings, conferences and workshops.

The timeline below highlights our main publications and events from July 2016 to July 2017.
MARCH

APRIL
- Case for HE Visa Club teleconference
- Case for HE Compass Meeting 1
- Case for HE London Higher International
- London Higher Europe Newsletter with recent activities by Case for HE, London Medicine, AccessHE and NEON.

MAY
- NEON Access Academy Training: Evaluating Outreach Work - Session 4
- NEON Access Academy Training Key Skills for Widening Access - Part 1
- Case for HE Brexit Task Group (measuring impact)

JUNE
- Case for HE Round table with the LEAP (Student Entrepreneurship)
- AccessHE Care experienced and estranged students Forum
- AccessHE The Arts and Design Forum
- AccessHE Student Advisory Group meeting
- Case for HE Creative Careers subgroup
- Case for HE London Higher International (planning meeting)

JULY
- Case for HE Visa Club teleconference
- Case for HE London Higher International
- London Medicine & Healthcare Clinical Placements in London: A Student Perspective & Best Practice Recommendations
- London Medicine & Healthcare Clinical Placements in London: Case Studies
Our financial aim is to maintain and, if possible, expand member services whilst overseeing an efficient and transparent financial regime.

We forecast a positive out-turn for 2016-17, chiefly as a result of increased grant income for AccessHE and NEON via HEFCE’s national outreach programmes (NNCO and NCOP).

### Forecast Income 2016-17 (before audit)

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<td>- HEFCE</td>
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<td>- Other Grants</td>
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<td>Member Contributions</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
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### Forecast Expenditure 2016-17 (before audit)

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<td>- Case for HE</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</strong></td>
<td><strong>£1,233,657</strong></td>
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### Additional income generated for every £1 of membership contributions

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“Whilst a positive out-turn is always a good sign, we remain cautious as overheads creep up across London; we take nothing for granted.”

Professor Anthony Bowne, Chair of Finance Committee

Our work is important because...

Cost matters. London Higher is proud to be one of the most cost-efficient HE support organisations for London HEIs.
## SPOTLIGHT ON...

In addition to our core work we have run a wide variety of meetings and ad hoc projects this year. Here is just a selection:

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<td>Brexit Task Group. Chaired by Professor Paul Layzell, Principal, Royal</td>
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<td>Holloway, University of London, and comprising representatives from a</td>
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<td>cross-section of the London HE group as well as colleagues from UUK,</td>
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<td>the GLA and London First, the group has begun by exploring the risk</td>
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<td>factors of Brexit to London HEIs.</td>
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<td>Compass Initiative. Compass meetings aim to ‘think the unthinkable’ and</td>
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<td>to help members develop options for all projected scenarios. In</td>
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<td>partnership with the NOUS group members exchanged frank views on a range</td>
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<td>of issues including the HE and Research Bill, collaborations with</td>
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<td>schools and the expanding role of alternative HE providers.</td>
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<td>‘London’s Higher Education: Open for Success’. Our reception at the</td>
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<td>House of Lords supported the Mayor of London’s ‘London is Open’</td>
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<td>campaign. Guests included London MPs and London affiliated members of</td>
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<td>the House of Lords. We launched an online FactPack on London HE at the</td>
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<td>Private meeting with Professor Madeleine Atkins. Over 30 heads or</td>
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<td>senior representatives of HEIs in London attended our private meeting</td>
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<td>with the Chief Executive of HEFCE in January. Issues covered included</td>
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<td>future changes to TEF, and high level planning for international funding</td>
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<td>and collaborations following the Brexit vote.</td>
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Find out more about our work...

You can find out about all our activities and initiatives on our new website at: [www.londonhigher.ac.uk](http://www.londonhigher.ac.uk)

“Brexit has the capacity to profoundly alter HE in London. London Higher’s Task Group is working to ensure we seize the opportunities and minimise the negative impact.”

Professor Paul Layzell, Chair of London Brexit Task Group