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Programmes, conferences and events for those working in higher education

2025 – 2026



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Welcome to the 2025-26 Programme and Events Portfolio

from Advance HE

I am pleased to present our refreshed Programmes and Events portfolio for the 2025-26 academic year. At Advance HE we are committed to supporting higher education professionals at every career stage, helping you to develop and enhance the skills and attributes you need to navigate the current challenges and opportunities in higher education.

Our portfolio has been thoughtfully refined in response to your feedback, informed by insights from our global membership of more than 450 higher education providers to ensure that we are providing high impact programmes that are closely attuned to the current and changing needs of higher education institutions. Our programmes and events are regularly refreshed to respond to your needs in practical, action-oriented ways that deliver tangible results.





Our revamped range of programmes and events includes new opportunities for transformational leadership development, a focus on enhanced student retention and success strategies, and enhanced practical approaches to teaching excellence and inclusivity to equip you with the tools needed for success.

A feature of our portfolio - which makes it particularly valuable - is the global community it creates. We provide a space where professionals can share insights, exchange best practices, collaborate on common challenges and realise a collective approach to problem-solving.

For our international partners, we continue to develop bespoke programmes and events, ensuring all members extract maximum value from engaging with us.

I am proud that our portfolio offers high impact, high value programmes and events which support enhancement, transformation and change to foster student success, develop effective leadership and governance, support career development and institutional sustainability.



I look forward to working alongside you in the coming year, as together we shape the future of higher education.

Alistair Jarvis CBE
Incoming Chief Executive
Advance HE

Introduction

We acknowledge that higher education institutions are currently working in a multifaceted and dynamic landscape, from the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence to operational transformation and the imperative of financial uncertainty. Our continued dedication to excellence in teaching, learning, and enhancing the student experience is essential to ensuring the financial sustainability of institutions.

In response to this, our portfolio offers academically grounded, flexible, and value-rich solutions. Designed to support both individual and institutional development, our offerings provide access to evidence-informed practices, critical tools, and new perspectives. We also cultivate spaces for academic exchange, peer collaboration, and professional learning that enrich the academic endeavour and enhance the quality of teaching and learning across the sector.



Our areas of expertise

- + Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
- + Educational Excellence
- + Leadership
- + Governance

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in higher education present complex and evolving challenges, shaped by institutional contexts and wider global dynamics.

Our 2025–26 portfolio offers focused, practical support to help institutions navigate these challenges. Each programme and event provides space to connect, reflect, and explore shared issues, while also offering insight into how others across the sector and around the world are responding. Through thought leadership, peer learning, and the sharing of lived experiences, our 2025–26 portfolio supports institutions to build inclusive cultures and develop strategies that lead to lasting, meaningful change.

+ Aurora 25-26

(Cohorts commence 16 September 2025) [more info](#)

+ Senior Women's Leadership Development Programme UK

(Starts 7 October 2025) [more info](#)

+ Diversifying Leadership

(Cohorts commence 15 October 2025) [more info](#)

+ Inclusive Leadership

(Starts 12 January 2026) [more info](#)

+ Senior Women's Leadership Development Programme Ireland

(Starts 26 January 2026) [more info](#)



+ Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference

(25 and 26 March 2026) [more info](#)

+ Mental Wellbeing in HE Conference

(6 May 2026) [more info](#)

+ Inclusive Pedagogy Symposium

(19 May 2026) [more info](#)

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I was impressed by the range of speakers and the knowledge of all participants in attendance. Everyone was open to discussing and sharing ideas, best practice was exchanged between institutions. I came away with much more positivity about the route forward for our students.”

Sara Appleby,

Student Support Officer, Durham University, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference attendee.

Additional Services

Member Benefits

Our membership can support you in delivering educational excellence efficiently, in building leadership capabilities for today's challenges, and in creating more inclusive communities. You'll also find examples of how member institutions across the globe are applying these approaches to drive positive change.

In addition to this, we have launched the first suite of new member benefits for 2025-26, based directly on what you have told us you need now to navigate the challenges ahead:

Educational Transformation - Change Academy

In response to your desire to continue to achieve curriculum and pedagogic change, this Change Academy will provide targeted development support for Department and Programme leaders enabling your institutional change and transformation efforts in learning and teaching and student success.

Academic Leaders - Survival Series

This series of interactive events will seek to provide practical support for current challenges such as enhancing teaching quality in times of financial constraint, freedom of speech and managing contested topics, and managing resistance to change.



Executive Leaders Global Network

We will create opportunities for Vice Chancellors, Principals and Executive leaders across our global membership to connect on key strategic challenges to support the pursuit of local solutions.

Inclusive Institutions Framework - join the pathfinder group

The Inclusive Institutions Framework (IIF) offers a new, whole-institution approach to EDI that brings together access, participation, and inclusion priorities into a single strategic process. Through a modular, peer-supported model, the IIF will support institutions to embed efficient, evidence-based and impactful practices across their systems, leadership, and culture.

A full view of the Member benefits package for 2025-26 is available to access here: advance-he.ac.uk/membership

Additional Services (continued)

e-Learning

Transform your higher education journey with our portfolio of e-Learning courses.

Our expertly developed e-Learning courses are tailored for higher education and delivered through our Digital Learn platform, enabling you to build skills and deepen your knowledge at your own pace.

Our e-Learning portfolio includes the following courses:

- + Addressing Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Affecting Students in Higher Education**
- + Introduction to Fellowship**
- + Introduction to UK Higher Education**
- + Allyship in Higher Education**
- + Guide to Assessment Design**
- + Introduction to Race Equity**



While individual courses can be purchased directly through Digital Learn, we also offer institutional licensing options.

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