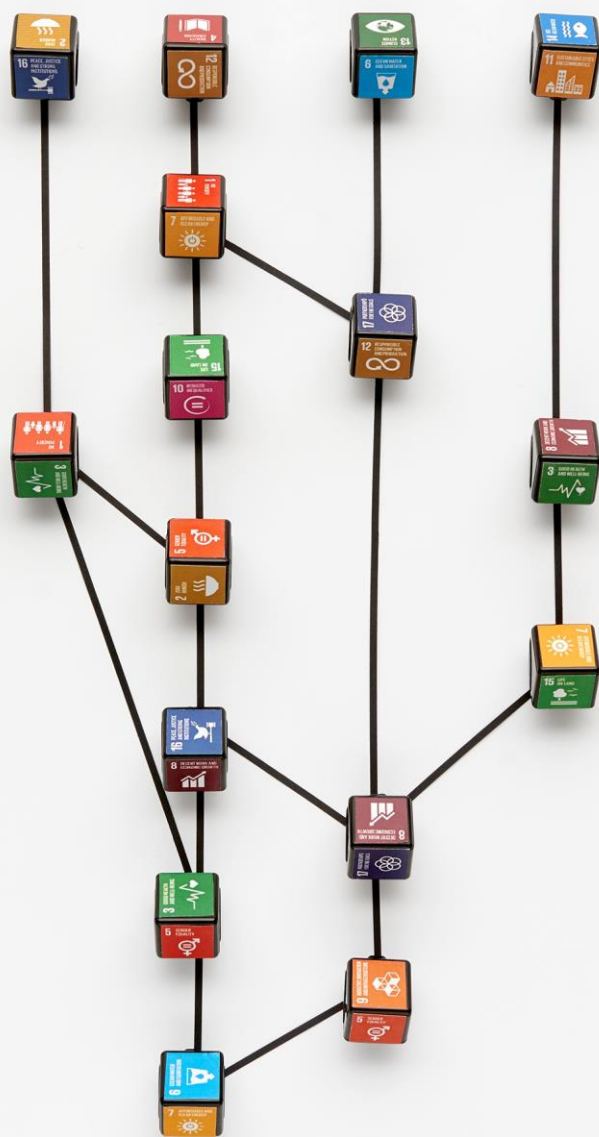


# Equitable Access to Higher Education

ASEF Capacity Building Training in conjunction with  
World Access to Higher Education Day 2019

24-27 November 2019 | Edinburgh, United Kingdom

## OPEN CALL



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## BACKGROUND

The ASEF Capacity Building Training on Equitable Access to Higher Education builds on the ideas and policy recommendations developed during the [7<sup>th</sup> ASEF Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum \(ARC7\)](#) in Bucharest, Romania, from 11-15 May 2019. ARC7 titled “**Higher Education Taking Action Towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Perspectives from Asia and Europe**” brought together about 150 higher education leaders and 51 student leaders from the [Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\) Partner Countries](#). The policy recommendations developed both by the rectors and the students underlined the need to ensure equitable access to higher education (HE).

The ASEF Capacity Building Training on Equitable Access to Higher Education is organised in conjunction with [World Access to Higher Education Day \(WAHED\) 2019](#) taking place on 26 November 2019 in Edinburgh, UK. WAHED is a platform to raise global awareness around inequalities in access and success in HE, and act as a catalyst for international, regional and local action. The theme of this year's WAHED will be **Advocating for Equity**. It focuses on encouraging governments, universities and others to make meaningful commitments that will lead to greater equity in access and participation in higher education.

## WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE ASEF CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING?

The overall aim of the training is to equip managers in higher education institutions in Europe and Asia to be able to advance equitable access & success in their institutions. The training is designed to:

- Increase participants' understanding of the evidence and theory where access, success and participation in HE are concerned and get familiar with global institutional practice in these fields;
- Assist participants to develop action plans which they can implement in their home institution to improve access/success in HE for disadvantaged groups;
- Build an Asia-Europe community of managers and practitioners who can achieve a step change in equitable access to HE by 2030.

## TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

### Online preparatory phase

It is designed as a self-learning programme so that participants can advance according to their own time and interest. It will include readings and online resources; possibility to produce knowledge and get published; opportunity to contribute to the World Access to Higher Education Day 2019.

### Onsite phase | 4 days in Edinburgh

A 4-day long face-to-face capacity building training, including participation at the World Access to Higher Education Day (WAHED) in Edinburgh. For more details see the [Overview](#).

## APPLY NOW

### DEADLINE:

Monday,  
16 September 2019,  
10:00 GMT

### WHEN & WHERE?

24-27 November 2019,  
Edinburgh, United Kingdom

In conjunction with [World Access to Higher Education Day 2019](#)

### FOR WHOM?

- Citizens of any of the [51 ASEM partner countries](#)
- Strong command of English (written and verbal)
- Managers in higher education institutions in charge of inclusion, equity or admission policies

### SELECTION

The Open Call and screening process will ensure a non-discriminative approach assuring a balanced geographic representation, gender balance and fair access to the opportunity for all.

When assessing the applications, ASEF and its partners will lay extra weight on the:

- Originality of the motivational statement
- Experience in the topic area
- Commitment to transform the knowledge and skills gained into action

### Online follow-up phase

The ASEF Capacity Building Training aims to establish a cohort of HE managers who can be at the forefront of making higher education more equitable. Participants will complete the course with a key combination of practical solutions they can implement in their institutions and new networks which can strengthen their equity work.

### WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

Participants will complete the training with a key combination of practical solutions they can implement in their institutions and new networks which can strengthen their equity work. The learning outcomes will include:

- **An enhanced understanding of global practice in equitable access & success work:** The training will help participants to understand the evidence and theory where access, success and participation in HE is concerned. They will learn how HE institutions have effectively addressed challenges in the field of equitable access & success in HE.
- **Developing the skills and knowledge to change the access & success landscape in their institution:** Participants will develop their own action plans, which they can implement in their home institution to improve access & success in HE for disadvantaged groups.
- **Becoming part of a professional supporting network:** The training will provide opportunity for interaction with the participants of the World Access to Higher Education Day (WAHED), therefore, we fully expect new bi-lateral and multi-lateral partnerships to emerge. The organisers will look to maintain relationships between participants. The outcomes that we are all aiming for in terms of equitable access and success will only happen by continued engagement and building on what this first capacity building training will achieve.

### COSTS

No registration or participation fee for selected participants. ASEF offers scholarships to cover travel, accommodation and visa costs. Meals are provided as indicated in the programme.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Do you need any special assistance to apply and/or participate? Contact us – we will do our utmost to accommodate your requirements.

### READY TO APPLY?

Submit the [online application form](#) by Monday, 16 September 2019, 10:00 GMT.

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Have a look at the [Overview](#), [Programme](#), and [FAQ](#).

Should you have any further questions, please e-mail us at [arc@asef.org](mailto:arc@asef.org).

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