Widening Participation? a variety of ventures from the University of Leeds
ENCOURAGING WIDER ACCESS (?)

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A PROBLEM WE SHARE...

• Under-representation is a longstanding issue within clinical psychology and many other professions
• Different patterns are apparent at different stages
  • Different interventions are indicated to address these patterns
  • E.g. ratios in undergraduate population vs. postgraduate applications; academic attainment by some groups
  • Some of these issues can be addressed by courses, others are more ‘systemic’
• Small efforts: big challenge
WIDENING AWARENESS

• Reach for Excellence
  • University of Leeds WP scheme
  • Y10, Y11 ‘most able but least likely’ to study at University

• STEM Ambassadors
  • Promoting STEM subjects across schools
  • Targeted interventions for less advantaged schools

• Other careers talks to less advantaged schools
  • Directory of Voluntary Careers Speakers
ENCOURAGING AND IMPROVING APPLICATIONS

• Careers talks to West Yorkshire Universities
  • Involving trainees
  • Addressing ‘myths’
  • Discussing representation

• Open Day for BAME potential applicants 2018
  • Yorks and Humber (Leeds, Sheffield, Hull, £ from DCPY&H)
  • Tutors, Service Users and Carers, Trainees, Clinicians
    • Traditional open day information
    • Discussion of BAME experience in psychology
    • Focus on application and interviews incl. Q&A
  • Evaluated by 2 Trainees as Service Evaluation Projects
Encouragement from feedback

- Increased confidence, enthusiasm, belonging, connection
- Better informed clearer about expectations
- Planned changes in applications and preparation/experience

Recommendations and future directions

- Follow up events
- More focus on BAME experience and issues
- Applications and interview skills
- Mentoring
- Impact on applications and acceptances
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