

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Special Interest Group

Stranmillis University College, Belfast

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

2.00-5.00pm

(25 minutes for each presentation, including questions.)

- 2.00**     *Introductions and welcome to the SIG.*
- 2.10**     *Applying outcomes from a DE&I review to inclusive content training for item writers and reviewers.*  
Lottie Harrison, Pearson Education.
- 2.35**     *Exploring racial and ethnic bias in international language tests: a pilot study.*  
Amina Doudi, ELT consultant.  
Shaida Mohammadi, ELT consultant.
- 3.00**     *Addressing sector-wide EDI practices in the development of an academic English test at Heriot-Watt University: adjustments to rating procedures for dyslexic students.*  
Dawn Cremonese, Pavla Drabkova, John-Sebastian Schutter, Heriot-Watt University.  
John Slaght, University of Reading
- 3.35**     **Break**
- 3.45**     *Involving test takers in item development.*  
Yena Park, Duolingo.
- 4.10**     *Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in practice: candidate reactions to global English accents in a listening test.*  
Gemma Bellhouse, British Council.
- 4.35**     Further discussion arising from sessions.  
AOB - issues of interest to participants.
- 5.00**     **Close**