



Higher Education Access Tracker: Third Party Sharing Statement

As part of its commitment to fair access and widening participation, Durham University aims to demonstrate the impact of its programmes on fair access and widening participation over time. Levelling Up: Aspire Higher also needs to evidence the reach and effectiveness of its programmes to funders/donors and external organisations as required by law. In order to meet the above aims, Durham University subscribes to the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) service. Data may also be used for research purposes.

What is HEAT?

Led by the University of Kent, the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) is a service that enables members to monitor and evaluate Widening Participation and Outreach programmes over a long period of time; tracking the progression of participating students to investigate the impact of Widening Participation and Outreach on their attainment, progression, social mobility, graduate outcomes and eventual employment. Subscribing members have access to the HEAT Database, a secure online platform which enables data collection, analysis and research via standardised and bespoke reporting functionality.

Collecting participant data

In order to use the HEAT service to meet the above aims, Levelling Up: Aspire Higher at Durham University need to collect participant data and input this into the secure online HEAT database. We can only input and share your personal data with the HEAT service with express consent.

Data protection and privacy

Data collected by Levelling Up: Aspire Higher will be held in line with our Privacy Notice. Participants can withdraw consent to process their data at any time by contacting Levelling Up: Aspire Higher as outlined in the Privacy Notice. Information about how the HEAT service processes and safeguards personal data can be found in the HEAT Data Protection Policy & Privacy Notice. Data entered into the HEAT system is used for monitoring, evaluation and research purposes only and is not used in any decision-making processes. We recommend that you read our Privacy Policy and the HEAT Data Protection Policy & Privacy Notice, which can be found under 'Resources' on this webpage: durham.ac.uk/step/documents/heat.