ESRC Festival of Social Science Week 3 – 10 November 2012

‘Social Mobility: what has been said and what hasn’t.’

6th November 2012, 76 Portland Place, London

The all day seminar organised by SKOPE (University of Oxford) will look at policymakers’ recent attempts to improve social mobility and their particular focus on the roles of education, training and skills as key levers.

This event will consider three main questions:

1. How much do skills and education matter in improving social mobility?
2. What other factors are important? What role is played by family background, labour markets and political realities in determining outcomes, and how do these relate to the educational attainment of the population?
3. To what extent do these perspectives enter policy discussions? What is being missed by policymakers and at what cost?

The presenters are to be drawn from academic economists and sociologists, policy analysts and practitioners. They will include:

- Professor Hugh Lauder, Bath University
- Dr. Tak Wing Chan, Nuffield College, Oxford University
- Prof. Ken Mayhew & Dr. Craig Holmes, SKOPE, Oxford University
- Dr Alex Nunn, Leeds Metropolitan University (to be confirmed)
- Mr. Derek Browne, Entrepreneurs in Action

This event is sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council as part of their annual Festival of Social Science. Entry is free with lunch and refreshments provided. Places are limited. For reservations please contact Marta Mordarska at skope@education.ox.ac.uk

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