

# What does QAA offer for students?



QAA Membership provides opportunities for students, student representatives and sabbatical officers to engage meaningfully in their providers' quality assurance and enhancement processes, improving the student experience for themselves, their peers, and future learners. We also offer a range of support and resources for staff who have roles in student engagement, student support and enhancing the student experience.

From conferences, events and networking, to guidance, resources and opportunities to inform our work – QAA Membership has student engagement and partnerships working as a key theme running through all that we do.



## Events and Networking



### Student Engagement Festival 14-18th October 2024

As students' needs and characteristics continue to change, we need to reshape how we engage them in their learning; quality processes; and student voice activities.

From Monday 14 to Friday 18 October, we're hosting a series of provocations, panel discussions, collaborative workshops and practice sharing sessions to exchange ideas and reimagine the future of student engagement and representation.

[Find out more and book your place](#)

### Student Engagement Network

Our online sessions unite student engagement champions (including staff across universities, colleges and students' unions, as well as students themselves) from across the UK. These events foster the sharing of innovative ideas, resources and practice, prompting discussion on critical issues and shaping future initiatives.

[Explore Network resources](#)

Book your place at upcoming meetings and share the details with your student and staff networks:

[3 December, 14:00-15:30](#)

[11 February, 14:00-15:30](#)

[8 April, 14:00-15:30](#)

### QAA Membership Calendar 2024-25

The QAA Membership calendar of events and publications links to practical materials that are ready for you to use and signposts you to registration pages for upcoming activities.

Whether you're looking for more dynamic approaches to engaging students, support with quality and standards or the latest technological intelligence to assure academic integrity, there are lots of events and training programmes to enhance your knowledge and skills.





# Membership Resources



## Student Engagement

### What is Credit? A guide for students

This resource has been produced to help students understand credit better and equip them with the knowledge to have meaningful conversations about credit, what it is and what it means for them.

### Responding to Student Voice

This resource pack explores interrelated principles that underpin effective practice in responding to student voice in a range of contexts.

### What is Education for Sustainable Development?

A collection of resources including a video, 19 Case Studies and the Education for Sustainable Development Guidance. These resources can be used as an introduction to ESD and to help students ensure sustainability is firmly on the agenda at their institution.

### Unpacking Assessments

A collection of interactive resources including a student guide and series of videos that aim to help students understand assessment terminology and approach assessments effectively.

### Student Engagement Toolkit: Planning an enhancement activity

The toolkit will be updated to reflect the requirements of the 2024 UK Quality Code and current student engagement practice.

- Provides structure for planning enhancement activities and projects
- Builds a shared understanding of the language and reference points for quality and standards
- Used for training and support of student representatives

### Supporting the student experience

QAA funds a number of Collaborative Enhancement Projects (CEPs) specifically focused on enhancing the student experience and approaches to improving student engagement. These projects play an important role in bringing members together to improve student retention and attainment; student representation and student voice; and inclusive and effective student engagement.

Got a great idea for a new student engagement project? We would love to hear from you! We will launch our next call for CEP proposals in autumn 2024.

Following the publication of the [2024 edition of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#) (the Quality Code), QAA is currently working with the sector to develop underpinning Advice and Guidance documents to support providers to meet the 12 Principles of the Quality Code – with the first three sections to be completed in 2024-25. In this first tranche, we will consider the quality and enhancement considerations associated with Principle 2: Engaging students as partners. The updated Advice and Guidance will be published in July 2025.



**Trends in learning, teaching and assessment**



**Effective quality processes and evaluation**



**Collaborative Enhancement Projects**



**Quality and standards**



**Flexible pathways and student transitions**

## QAA's 2024-25 Membership Themes

Our work features 10 themes, with student engagement as a common theme throughout



**Global engagement**



**Equity and inclusion**



**Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship**



**Professional development and training**



**Generative Artificial Intelligence and academic integrity**





## Student membership of QAA committees and advisory groups



There are many ways you can get directly involved in influencing and shaping our work:

- Students on the [QAA Board](#) and Committees. We have two students on the Board who also serve as the co-chairs of our [Student Strategic Advisory Committee \(SSAC\)](#). SSAC meetings are attended by QAA's Chief Executive and other members of the QAA Board. They have shaped national student-centred projects with NUS, provided valuable input to UK quality reference points and influenced QAA's strategy.
- Students are also members of QAA advisory and working groups. Students have been involved on working groups informing our work on [Academic Integrity](#); [External Examining](#); [Subject Benchmark Statements](#), [Characteristics Statements](#) and the [redevelopment of the 2024 UK Quality Code](#) (to name just a few).



## Keep in touch

We love hearing from you!

So please do get in contact with ideas, comments, suggestions and questions.

We promote upcoming opportunities via our website, social media and through the [weekly Member Update newsletter](#).

You can contact us at [membership@qaa.ac.uk](mailto:membership@qaa.ac.uk) to find out what's coming up, and to register your interest to help inform our work.

Check out the [2024-25 Student Engagement and Representation poster](#) to see what's coming up this academic year!

Join our growing community of students at events

Get involved in our committees and groups

Work with us to share practice and develop resources for students and staff



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