


QAA Membership in Scotland 2023-24

In a rapidly changing higher and tertiary education environment, QAA Membership delivers inspiring, expert activities and resources which enable you to demonstrate excellence in quality and standards to UK and international audiences.

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“ QAA Membership is essential and highly valued by Glasgow Caledonian University. QAA provides invaluable support and guidance through a range of resources, networks and events in addition to its regulatory responsibilities as Scotland’s designated higher education quality body. QAA’s facilitatory approach of working with the sector through co-design of many of these activities means that collaboratively we are focussed on the key strategic priorities that influence policy and practice with greatest positive impact. ”

A circular inset image showing four people (three men and one woman) gathered around a table, looking at documents and discussing them. They appear to be in a meeting or collaborative work environment.

Professor Alastair Robertson,
Pro-Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching,
Glasgow Caledonian University

In session 2023-24, QAA will support higher education institutions in Scotland by:

Review activity

- Leading on the development of the **quality review arrangements** (Phase 2) that will be in place from session 2024-25, offering a range of opportunities to shape the next review method.
- Delivering the remaining **11 Quality Enhancement and Standards Reviews** (QESR) and **8 Institutional Liaison Meetings** (ILM).
- Undertaking **systematic analysis of the outcomes of QESRs and ILMs** in order to deepen sector intelligence, identify common themes and share good practice.
- Incorporating **stakeholder feedback** on the 2022-23 QESR and ILM processes to make enhancements, where necessary, to 2023-24 delivery and support the development of the quality review arrangements for Phase 2.

Enhancement activity

- Leading on the development of a **new approach to national enhancement activity across the tertiary sector** that will be introduced from academic year 2024-25, offering a range of opportunities for the sector to define and co-create the delivery of this activity, the architecture required to support its implementation, and establish appropriate mechanisms for evaluating the work's impact.
- Continued engagement in the cross-sector **Tertiary Enhancement Project - *The future of learning and teaching: defining and delivering an effective and inclusive digital/blended offering*** - including a sharing practice event.
- Supporting the sector to embed previous **enhancement activity**.

Influence and policy insights

- Supporting **key sector committees** including the Scottish Higher Education Enhancement Committee (SHEEC), Quality Arrangements for Scottish Higher Education (QASHE), and The Quality Forum (TQF), which are used to promote good practice and sector-wide learning.
- Ensuring QAA is **responsive to the needs of the higher education sector** in Scotland through the QAA Scotland Strategic Advisory Committee, which will continue to advise the QAA Board.
- Engaging with the Scottish Funding Council's broader development of the **new tertiary approach to quality**, working alongside our partner agencies (including Education Scotland, Colleges Development Network, NUS Scotland and Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland) and contributing to the various project workstreams as appropriate.

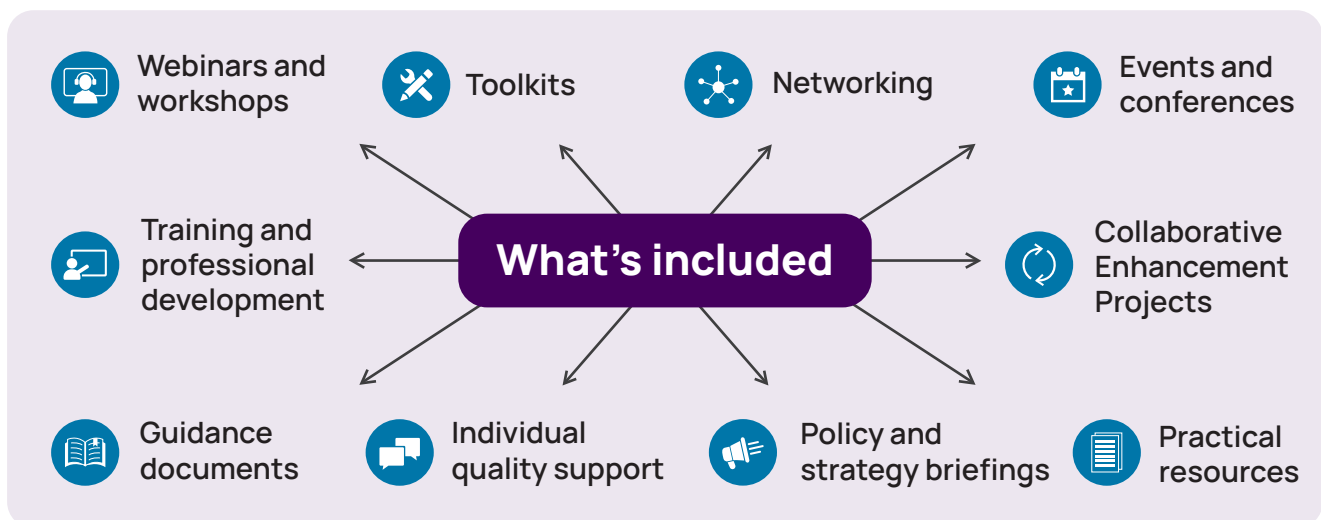
Working across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

- Building on the interest and commitment to **collaborative working between the higher education sectors in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** to promote partnership, sharing of practice, opportunities for enhancing the student experience and identifying joint approaches for the future.



Benefits for your whole institution

- **Horizon scanning:** equipping you with the latest intelligence on UK, European and global developments.
- **Influencing strategy and policy:** ensuring governments and other key bodies are informed by expert advice and experience.
- **Co-creating sector reference points:** giving you a strong voice, ensuring UK, European and international reference points reflect your needs and those of your students.
- **Being part of a vibrant membership community:** facilitating learning and shared insights across institutions and with other partners such as professional, statutory and regulatory bodies.
- **Driving innovation:** developing innovative approaches to evaluation and reporting on quality that improve effectiveness and address internal and external demands.
- **Empowering your staff:** supporting the professional development of your staff, equipping them to safeguard academic standards and enhance quality for your students.



Our membership community tailored to you

In 2023 we have
over 300
UK-based members

Our activities are tailored to different types of providers, and we have opportunities for staff and students in all roles. Our highly valued networks include colleges; independent and specialist providers; students; programme leaders; senior academic managers; and quality leads.

Providing support and solutions for...



Priority topics and activities for 2023-24

Our activities cover a wide range of topics including:



Future approaches for learning, teaching and assessment

Assessment design and delivery;
Competence-based education;
Differential outcomes and awarding gaps;
Student engagement



Evaluation and quality processes

Innovative quality processes;
Effective evaluation; Evidencing value;
Educational gain; Using data



Flexible pathways and student transitions

Modular and micro-credentials;
Student transitions; Creating a sense
of belonging



Employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship

Embedding skills; Supporting
enterprise and entrepreneurship;
Careers support; Apprenticeships



Quality and standards

Subject Benchmark Statements;
Degree classifications; Developing the UK
Quality Code; Working with professional,
statutory and regulatory bodies;
Delivering and awarding in partnerships



Academic integrity

Impact of artificial intelligence;
Postgraduate provision; Embedding
the Academic Integrity Charter;
Managing misconduct



Global engagement

Country resources; Developing
partnerships; Supporting and enhancing
the international student experience;
Ensuring UK HE has a strong voice in
Europe and around the globe



Collaborative enhancement projects

Over 40 projects on priority topics
including: Diversity and inclusion;
Education for Sustainable Development;
Mental wellbeing; Future pedagogy;
Peer observation



Professional development and training

Formal and informal training programmes and development opportunities
including Introduction to Quality and Quality in Practice



Explore your membership

We love hearing your suggestions, feedback and questions. Each provider has a named QAA Contact and you can also get in touch by email.

 [Access the Membership Resources site](#)

 [Register for events](#)

 [Find out about QAA Membership](#)

 [Sign up for our Member Newsletter and Quality Enhancement Newsletter](#)

Renewing your membership for 2023-24

Renewing is simple. We will email you in June about the renewal process.

We are always available to help.
Please contact your QAA contact or email us.

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