


QAA Membership in Wales 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.



“ QAA membership provides Bangor University with the collaborative networks and resources we need to provide transformative education for our students. We value its collaborative approach to raising standards through collegiate discussion and we recognise its key role in preserving the integrity of UK HE internationally. As our designated quality body in Wales, the QAA is developing an evidence-based enhancement approach that will provide a solid basis for cross sector improvements for years to come. ”

Dr Myfanwy Davies, Head of Quality Enhancement
and Senior Lecturer, Bangor University

In session 2023-24, QAA will support higher education providers in Wales by:

Review activity

- Delivering the **first year of the new Quality Enhancement Review Method** in partnership with the sector.
- Developing and enhancing **support for students involved in reviews**, as Lead Student Representatives and students meeting the review team, through re-development of QAA's Student Guide and additional support.
- Undertaking **thematic reporting** of review outcomes from previous Quality Enhancement Reviews and Gateway Quality Reviews (Wales), as well as producing a Review Findings Directory, to identify key sector trends, outcomes and areas of enhancement.
- Continuing to **undertake Gateway Quality Reviews (Wales)** on behalf of HEFCW.

Enhancement activity

- Convening the **Wales Quality Network** and supporting the Network to continue to be a key forum for quality practitioners in the higher education sector in Wales. The Network will continue to be member-led and promote good practice and sector-wide learning.
- Providing opportunities for **institutional liaison meetings** to ensure our members receive the latest QAA updates, a tailored approach to QAA Membership and the opportunity to share current practices and challenges that QAA can support with.
- Working with HEFCW to develop a **growing programme of collaborative enhancement activity** to support the sector, building upon previously funded Collaborative Enhancement Projects and wider activity.
- Continuing regular bespoke communications through our **quarterly newsletter**, which highlights opportunities for members and promotes activities from across the wider tertiary sector.

Influence and policy insights

- Engaging with **key sector stakeholders** including HEFCW, NUS Wales, Universities Wales, ColegauCymru, Welsh Government, Estyn, and Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. QAA will continue to support the implementation of the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022, by offering advice, experience and insights on the higher education quality landscape in Wales and beyond.
- Consulting, engaging and contributing to **sector bodies and groups** including the Universities Wales Learning and Teaching Network and ColegauCymru groups.
- Ensuring QAA is **responsive to the needs of the higher education sector in Wales** through the QAA Wales Strategic Advisory Committee, which will continue to advise the QAA Board.
- Promoting our **Welsh language commitment** by acting increasingly as a bilingual organisation and promoting the importance of higher education opportunities through the medium of Welsh.

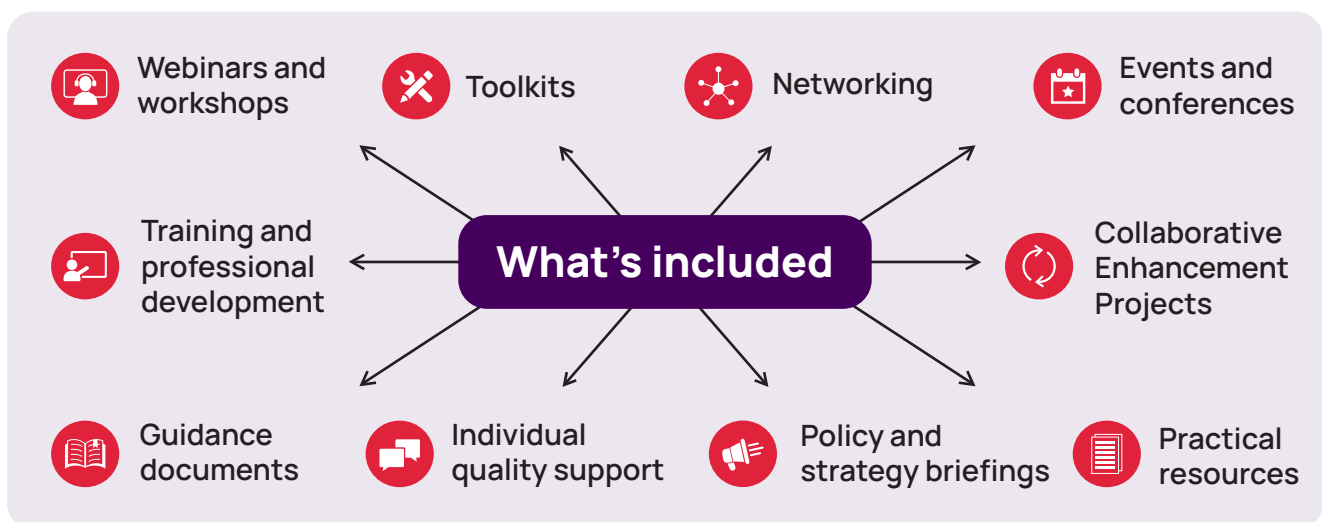
Working across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

- 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 QAA Cymru 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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