Working with you to safeguard academic standards, enhance the student learning experience and secure the global reputation of UK higher education.
Our activities and networks enable you to:

- **shape strategy, policy and practice at sector, institutional and subject level**
- **develop and exchange ideas on the latest policy and practice**
- **extend knowledge and skills for all staff and students**
- **enhance your delivery with the right information and practical tools at your fingertips**

Being part of QAA Membership brings influence and insight. We work closely with governments and sector bodies in the UK and internationally to ensure you have a strong expert voice on quality and academic standards so, together, we achieve positive outcomes which benefit UK higher education. A recent success is our work on academic integrity, combining policy work with practical support for our members and students.
Informed by our horizon-scanning and co-created through engagement with members, the themes and topics build on learning from previous years to help you prepare for the future.

Aligned with the 2022-23 themes, we are supporting 17 Collaborative Enhancement Projects, led by members in England.
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Reflecting and responding to the evolving apprenticeships landscape
Supporting member engagement with the Apprenticeships Toolkit and Characteristics Statement

Supporting members with institution and subject-level engagement in ESD
Incorporating ESD with quality and evaluative processes
Collaborative Enhancement Projects

Managing risk and enhancing quality in TNE
Support for the international student experience
Sustainability and internationalisation
Engaging with governments and international agencies to ensure we have a strong voice in Europe and around the globe

Important cross-cutting topics will thread throughout the programme:

Equality, diversity and inclusivity
Professional development and training
Student engagement and support
Postgraduate provision
Student transitions
PSRB engagement
Mental health and well-being
Ways to engage

You will have opportunities to engage with these topics in a variety of ways:

### Professional development
Building capacity across your organisation, with topic-specific training and the popular Introduction to Quality and Quality in Practice programmes.

### Practical resources
Access to a range of engaging materials including toolkits, playbooks and advice to help you secure academic standards and deliver a consistently high-quality student experience.

### Networks
Established networks for specific staff roles and groups of similar providers which enable you to engage with the latest thinking through debate and facilitated discussion with peers and senior QAA staff.

### Policy briefings
Providing the information you need to inform your strategies and help shape thinking.

### Events
Opportunities to learn, exchange ideas and develop new approaches ensuring you are equipped with the latest policy and practice.
Membership for your whole organisation

All of your staff and students can benefit from the support and constructive challenge available through your membership.

- Students’ unions
- Academic departments and leadership
- Data and information
- International and global development
- Quality
- Partnerships
- Senior leadership

All those working in
International Insights is an enhancement package that is included for all QAA Members in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It provides practical support for your engagement with international partners to develop transnational education (TNE) and recruit international students.

**International Insights for 2022-23**

**What’s coming up?**

- Country reports and webinars to support your TNE development in Pakistan, Singapore and Hong Kong.
- Webinar series to help you manage risk and enhance quality in international partnership.
- Events providing opportunities to engage with agencies and influencers in key countries, for example our annual UK China Higher Education Summit.
- Bespoke strategic support with engaging with regulatory agencies overseas.
- Professional development opportunities through the introduction to partnership training.
- International Partnerships Policy and Practice Network to discuss the latest policy developments that are impacting your international partnerships.
- International Insights clinics for expert advice on your TNE and partnership operations.
- Practical information and guides to support your internationalisation strategy.

If you have also joined the QAA QE-TNE Scheme, you get additional benefits as an international Insights Member including:

- Thematic analyses
- Toolkits and practical resources
- Training and events
- Best practice guides/workshops

What's coming up?
Our work in Northern Ireland

As a QAA Member in Northern Ireland, we will also work with you to develop a range of activities specific to your needs, working collaboratively to support your commitment to enhance and enrich the learning experience of students.

Developing the future quality review method

Throughout 2021-22, we have used the outcomes from the QAA research projects undertaken in partnership with our Northern Ireland Members and key stakeholders in the sector in 2020-21 to submit a proposal to the Department for the Economy to develop the next review method in Northern Ireland.

The outcomes of the projects demonstrated an appetite for an enhancement-based cyclical review model, in line with the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG), and the same method for all higher education providers: universities, university colleges and further education colleges, promoting a collaborative approach to quality in Northern Ireland. We will continue to engage with the Department for the Economy on behalf of the sector, as the UK’s quality body for higher education.

Events

In 2021-22, we hosted the QAA Northern Ireland Conference: Contemporary Higher Education Practice, bringing together almost 300 sector colleagues to discuss some of the key challenges in higher education in Northern Ireland. The event featured speakers from across all four UK nations to share approaches and practice on key topics including: digital learning, student voice, apprenticeships, supervising undergraduate dissertations, Education for Sustainable Development, and sharing the outcomes of the QAA projects undertaken in 2021-22.

QAA will be hosting another event in the new membership year focused on the UK Quality Code for Higher Education (Quality Code). This event will bring together colleagues and students from across the sector to engage with the Quality Code in preparation for the next quality review method for Northern Ireland. This event will be open to key staff and students at QAA Member higher education providers in Northern Ireland, as well as reviewers, to promote collaborative discussion and develop a shared understanding of the Quality Code and applying this to the Northern Ireland context.
Engagement across the sector on key quality topics

QAA continues to campaign on key topics on behalf of the sector, including to ban the use of essay mills across the UK. We will continue to work with the sector and the Department for the Economy to extend the ban on essay mills to Northern Ireland, including through representation on the UK Academic Integrity Advisory Group. We are also exploring opportunities to establish a QAA Northern Ireland Strategic Advisory Committee, to support our work in Northern Ireland by providing feedback to the QAA Board on key higher education topics in Northern Ireland and UK-wide.

Supporting you to get the most out of your QAA Membership

We will continue to develop tailored communications for Northern Ireland including expanding on our quarterly Northern Ireland newsletters and our Northern Ireland content to showcase practice in the sector. Our communications will continue to highlight key events, publications and topics relevant to the sector in Northern Ireland and share approaches across the UK.

Working with students

We will continue to support the active participation of students as partners in our work and in quality enhancement in Northern Ireland, seeking further ways to deepen and strengthen student involvement. We will continue to have representation from Northern Ireland on QAA’s Student Strategic Advisory Committee, an advisory group to the QAA Board.

QAA’s further work in Northern Ireland

Importantly, we will continue to work closely with the Department for Economy (DfE) and liaise with Northern Ireland representatives on the range of UK committees and groups. QAA’s Concerns Investigations Scheme, recently revised to work across Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is currently being considered by the DfE as a replacement for the Unsatisfactory Quality Standards Investigation scheme (UQSI).

We are engaged in cross-border issues such as through our Memorandum of Understanding with Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). We also engage proactively with the PSRBs that operate in Northern Ireland and liaise with ETI, including through the UK and Ireland Qualifications Frameworks Group.
Renewing is simple. We will email you in early July with your renewal information.

If you would like a discussion before then, please contact your QAA contact or email ARCAadmin@qaa.ac.uk

Find out more

For more information on QAA Membership, visit our web pages which provide additional details on the full range of our work with, and for, our members.

www.qaa.ac.uk/membership