Advance HE working with Scotland 2020-21

Working with Scotland

In Scotland, Advance HE continues to work closely with Scottish Universities and Colleges and the Scottish Funding Council, and works alongside Universities Scotland, QAA Scotland, and sparqs.

We have a dedicated Edinburgh office with a team of eight that includes our Assistant Director for the Nations (David Bass) and Head of Membership for Scotland (Catriona Bell). Catriona also has an additional role as Senior Advisor in Teaching and Learning which draws on her recognition as both a Principal Fellow (PFHEA) and National Teaching Fellow (NTF). We also have Scottish and UK based Associates with expertise in Leadership, Governance, Equality and Diversity, Teaching and Learning who have a good understanding of the Scottish context in these disciplines.

Advance HE membership in Scotland

In 2019-20, we are proud that 18 of the 19 Scottish HE institutions, two Colleges and one Professional Body chose to be members of Advance HE.

Scottish member institutions will have access to the wide range of Advance HE UK member benefits detailed in our Membership 2020-21 brochure. These include COVID-19 themed resources (webinars, blogs and reports) and member benefit projects such as Creating Socially Distanced Campuses and Education.

Access for all Scottish colleges and universities to Advance HE’s equality and diversity work is supported by the Scottish Funding Council.
In addition to access to the range of UK Member Benefits, Scottish member institutions also have access to a suite of Scotland-specific member benefits, which include:

+ **The Nations’ Strategic Organisational Response Initiative (full members).** The aim of this Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland joint initiative is to support senior leaders to continue developing their institutional strategic response by exploring and reviewing current and future contemporary institutional strategies, given the significant environmental challenges we face as a sector.
  - These focused on-line, two hour lunch time sessions will run on a bi-weekly basis from June until November 2020
  - Each session will stand alone and explore cross-cutting themes, for example:
    - Leadership of rapid pedagogic change; navigating strategic direction; organisational sustainability; leadership and organisational structural change; evolving student partnerships; impact on equality & diversity.
  - Core aspects of these sessions will focus on building a network within and across nations, and sharing and reflecting on experiences and initiatives
  - Core content elements will be recorded for later asynchronous viewing by colleagues in member institutions, however, discussions will adhere to the usual Chatham House Rule.

+ **Scottish Organisational Development event (all members)** – the content of this will be themed around contemporary challenges facing the sector at that time (between Jan – June 2021)

+ **Scottish ‘Getting to Grips with Principal Fellowship’ workshop (all members)** – one free place per member institution

+ **Scottish networks facilitated by Advance HE (all members):**
  - Scottish Principal Fellows network
  - Scottish NTFS/CATE winners network

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