

Student partnership in enhancement: Scotland's approach

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What we'll cover

- A national overview
- What is partnership?
- An institutional perspective



What is sparqs?



- Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland.
- National agency for student engagement in quality.
- Funded by Scottish Funding Council.
- Works with Scotland's universities, colleges and their students' associations.



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What is sparqs?



- Trains around 4,000 course reps per year.
- Provides institutional consultancy, training and development.
- Undertakes research and produces guidance and toolkits.
- Engages at sector level and internationally.



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A national overview



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- Students as reviewees and reviewers.
- Equal partners in producing, analysing and drawing conclusions from data.
- Support available for both staff and students involved in ILR.



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4. Enhancement Themes

- Students involved nationally and institutionally in running themes.
- Transitions: students shaping journeys.
- Evidence-led enhancement: students as fundamental source of evidence.



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What is partnership?



Students as partners...



- **Equal partners**; not dominant customers nor “empty vessels”.
- Requires training to equip students...
- ...and staff!
- About structure and culture.



But what do you think?



- Explore the tools on the tables.
- Discuss with fellow participants.
- Share any questions or action points.



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An institutional perspective



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