

# Caledonian Conference '08

A foundation for the future at  
Glasgow Caledonian



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# Introductions

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## Ben Rogers



2006-08: Student Experience & Community Advisor



2008-present: Quality Officer

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## Patric Donnachie

2008-09: Vice President Student Development

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# What was it?

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*A one-day event, specifically for Class Representatives at Glasgow Caledonian to inform, develop, inspire and empower*

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# Setting the scene - The University

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- 15,000 Students
  - 10,500 full-time UGs
  - 2,800 part-time UGs
  - 1,000 full-time Taught PGs
  - 1,000 part-time Taught PGs
  - 300 Research PGs
- 7 Schools
  - 60% Female Students
  - 40% Male Students
  - 90% Home Students
  - 10% International Students
  - 20% Mature Students

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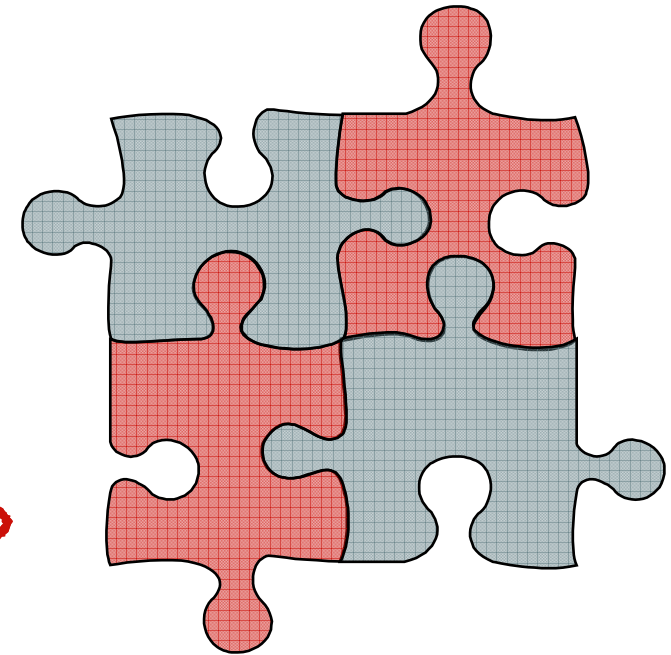
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# Setting the scene - Class Reps

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**Putting the pieces  
together:**

500  
CLASS REPS



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# Session 2006-2007...

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- Only 49 Class Reps trained in 2006/07
- Link to SA and University unclear
- Class Rep system fragmented between schools – each school different
- New cohort every year
- Class Reps ‘fell off the radar’ in Semester B

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## Session 2007 - 2008...

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- 111 Class Rep trained
- Communications between SA & Class Reps increased
- A focus required for Semester B
- The first incarnation of Caledonian Conference created for Semester B...



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# Session 2008 - 2009...

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- 140 Class Rep trained.
- Further and improved communications between SA & Class Reps increased.
- Class Rep numbers have grown from 364 to 461 registered.
- Student Summit introduced.
- Caledonian Conference delivered in Semester B.

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# "The plan"

Meet other Class  
Reps & share  
experiences

New  
technologies

Find out about  
what the Uni are  
working on



Let us know what  
you think about the  
'big' issues

Meet the people  
who make the  
decisions

What else you  
can do to make a  
difference



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# Agenda

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## Morning

- 10.00: Welcome & Introduction
- 10.10: Setting the Scene
- 10.15: The ISIS Project
- 10.20: Technology & the Spoken Word
- 10.55: Discussion Groups
- 12.15: Lunch & Poster Stalls

## Afternoon

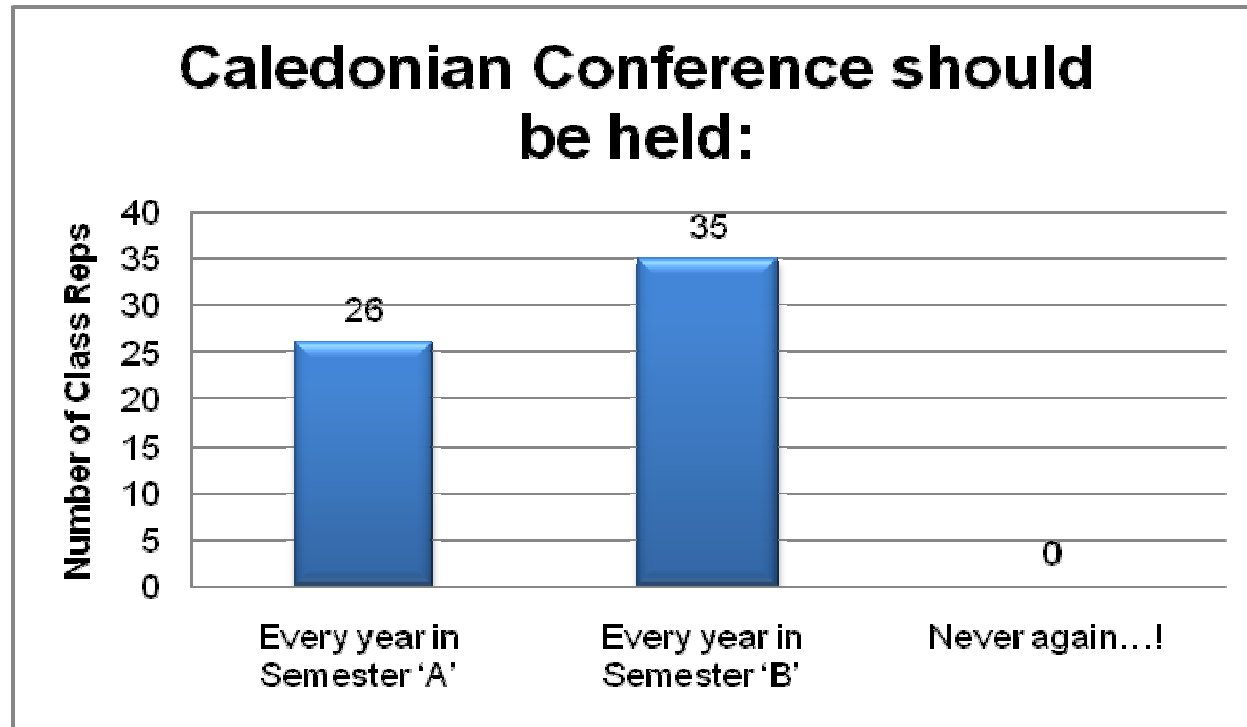
- 12.50: Discussion Groups
- 14.15: Second Life
- 15.00: Tea & Coffee
- 15.15: Life After Class Reps?
- 15.25: Keynote Address
- 15.45: Close

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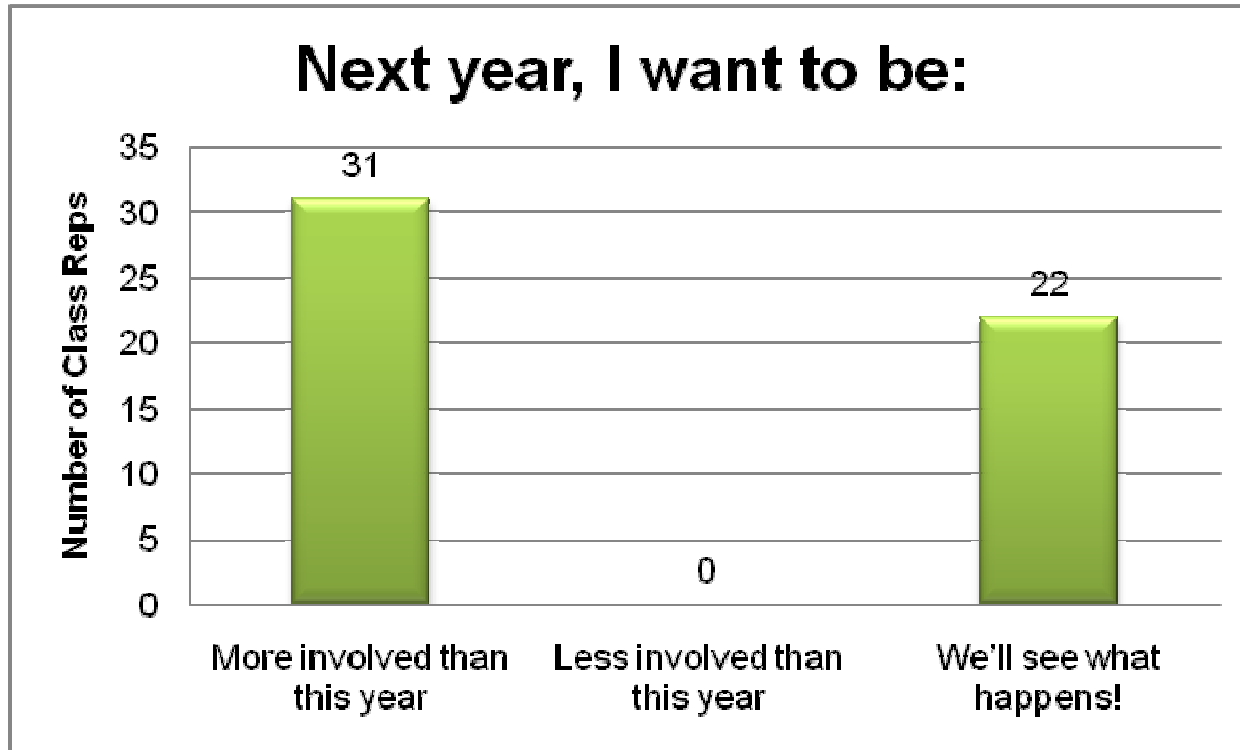
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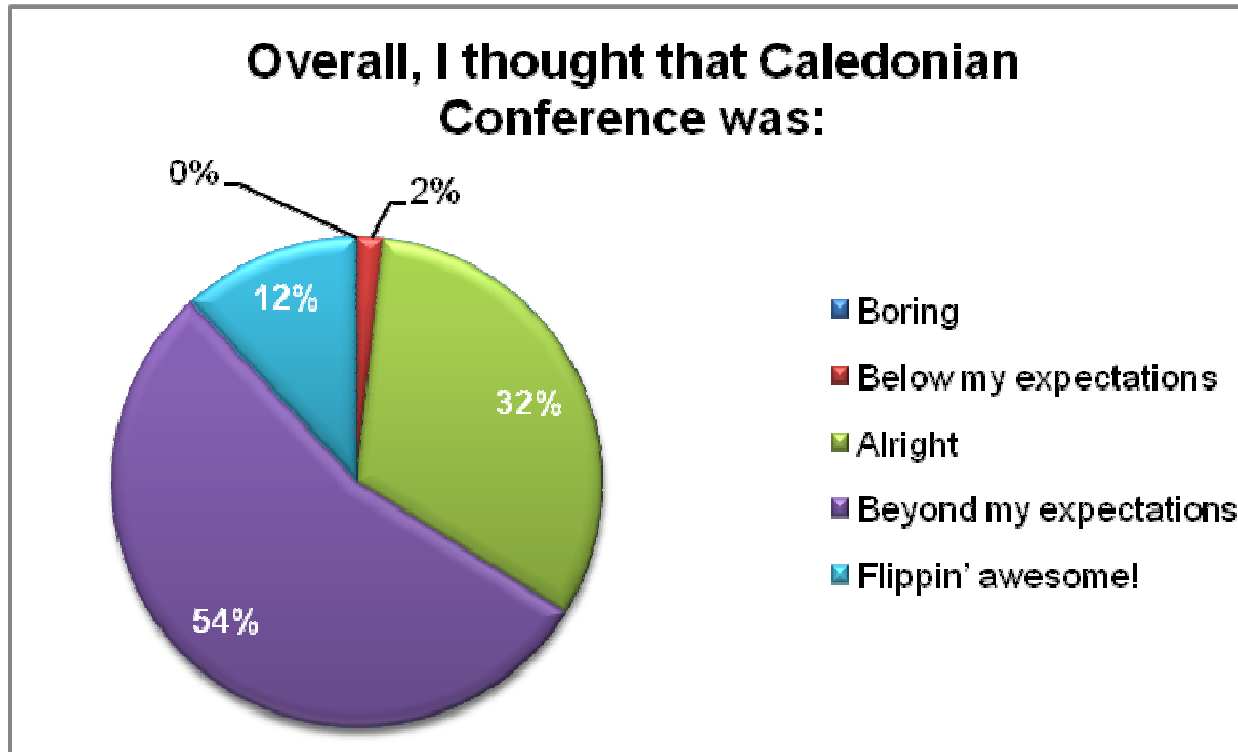
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# Rapid outcomes...

- University immediately committed to funding the Conference for 2009.
- Outcomes of the Conference have been placed on the University's and Students' Association's agendas
- Students felt, empowered, inspired and informed.



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# What's happened since, within the student world?

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- Student Summit, has been created in Semester A, to inform the Conference.
- 127 Class Reps trained so far
  - With advanced level for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Class Reps
- SLEEC and sparqs

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# What's happened since, within the university world?

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- The Report has fed into:
  - LTAS
  - Moving Forward Project
  - Made an informed impact at Heads of Learning, Teaching and Quality Group
- Included in Principal's report to Court
- Focus Groups from the University are now established as part of the Conference process



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# TOP TIPS

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- Partnerships
- Preparation
- Funding
- Freebies
- Publicity
- Communication
- Venue
- Optimism

**Never underestimate students' willingness  
to sit in a room and chat/complain**

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# Any Questions...

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'Thank you and  
goodnight'

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