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SUPPORTING COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNORS
THE SECTOR AGENCIES

The Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council (SFC)

This non- governmental organisation was established in 2005. Its is the main funding body for both colleges and universities in Scotland and provides £1.5b in funding annually for teaching, learning and teaching, research and other core activities.
http://www.sfc.ac.uk/

Scotland's Colleges

This organisation is the policy and development agency for the Scottish college sector. It was formed following a merger of Association of Scotland's Colleges, the Scottish Further Education Unit, and the Colleges Open Learning Exchange Group.
http://www.scotlandscolleges.ac.uk/

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe)

This Executive Agency operates independently and impartially from the Scottish Government but is still accountable to Ministers of the Scottish Parliament. Their core objective its to "promote and contribute to sustainable improvements in standards, quality and achievements for all learners in a Scottish education system which is inclusive"
http://www.hmie.gov.uk/

National Union of Students (NUS)

As one of the largest student organisations in the world this organisation aims to be a pioneering, innovative and powerful campaigning organisation and the definitive voice of students.
http://www.nus.org.uk/

Scottish Government

Was formed in 1999 and aim to create a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish through continuing sustainable economic growth. Everything they do is centred around five main objectives – to make Scotland:

- Wealthier and Fairer
- Healthier
- Safer and Stronger
- Smarter
- Greener

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/

Student Participation in Quality Scotland (sparqs)

This organisation is funded by the Scottish Funding Council to assist and support students, students' associations and institutions to improve the effectiveness and engagement in quality assurance and enhancement in institutions across Scotland.
http://www.sparqs.ac.uk/

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

This is the national body in Scotland responsible for the development, accreditation, assessment and certification of qualifications other than degrees.
http://www.sqa.org.uk/

Education Institute of Scotland (EIS)

Founded in 1847 this is the oldest teaching union in the world. The organisation has a firm commitment to quality education provision for all young people and has developed a central role as one of the most respected voices in education in Scotland.
http://www.eis.org.uk/

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO)

This agency investigates complaints about organisations providing public services in Scotland. They are the 'last resort', investigating cases only when the complainant has already exhausted the formal complaints procedure of the organisation concerned.
http://www.spso.org.uk/