



## **Learner Transitions – Health Sciences**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 4.10-6.00pm**

**Venue: Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus**

sparqs and the Higher Education Academy Scotland are delighted to host a series of subject-specific workshops exploring successful learner transitions.

The Edinburgh event, focusing on Health Sciences, will facilitate dialogue and new links between educators and students from universities, colleges and schools.

The event, developed in partnership with Edinburgh Napier University, ELRAH, HEA staff networks and local partner organisations, will provide a unique supportive environment to share practice and ideas, form new networks and engage with current and prospective students. Learners will be supported in exploring their experiences and share what they hope and expect this next stage of their education to look like.

### **Subject Focus and Audience**

Event: Health Sciences, Edinburgh, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Target audience: School pupils and college and university students; academic and teaching staff involved in relevant subject areas.

### **Background information**

These workshops are part of a project being delivered by sparqs and HEA to bring together learners and education professionals from schools, colleges and universities, in support of the 'Student Transitions' Enhancement Theme and Curriculum for Excellence. The events are subject specific, and will aim to encourage dialogue on pedagogy, practice and learner experiences and expectations between all those attending.

The four workshops in the series are being held in Aberdeen, Glasgow, Dundee and Edinburgh, focusing on Engineering, Social Sciences, Creative Industries and Health Sciences respectively.

sparqs (student partnerships in quality Scotland) is an agency which puts students at the heart of decisions being made about the quality of the student learning experience. We are the only agency in the world with such a clear focus on enhancing student engagement, and are widely credited with moving learner discourse from the price of the chips to quality and style of the learning.

The Higher Education Academy Scotland (HEA Scotland) is a UK-wide organisation responsible for enhancing teaching and supporting learning in higher education. The HEA works with governments, universities and other higher education providers to help bring about change in learning and teaching. The HEA's goal is to improve the student experience, and to support and develop those who teach them.

sparqs and HEA Scotland believe that students are experts in their own learning, and with the current focus on the impact of learning transitions, this is an excellent opportunity for learners to consider their future learning. Supported by a number of sector agencies, this project will provide a platform for wider engagement between schools, colleges and universities.

As part of the project, sparqs will produce a toolkit incorporating the session plans to allow other organisations to replicate the workshops. This will subsequently be available via the sparqs resource library along with an evaluation of the project and the research completed around the pedagogy of engaging diverse groups of learners and practitioners.