

Suggested opportunities for former students' association education officers

As you leave your education officer role, and sabbatical life more generally, what next? You may be forging a new career or returning to the world of work, taking on further studies, or taking a break to rest before moving on. No matter what your immediate next steps are, you may want to apply the incredible skills and experiences you've gained during your term as an education officer. You may even be seeking a similar role!

Many organisations are really keen for the skills and experiences you've developed, especially in recent graduates, and there is also a huge demand for more new leaders to be involved in public sector governance. You have much to offer on the job market, as well as to wider society, through governance opportunities, and through other voluntary positions.

Continuing work in quality as a student reviewer

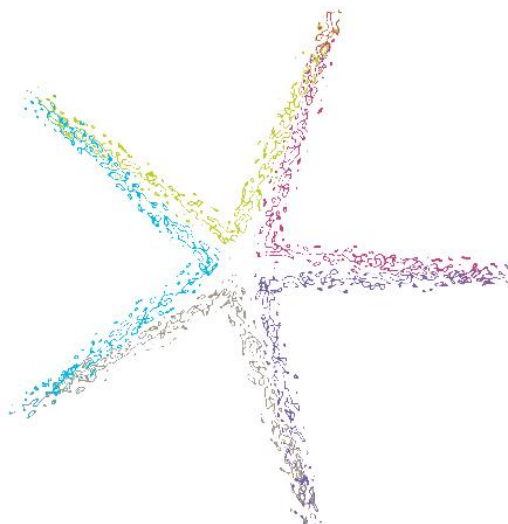
There are many roles in institutions and in sector agencies where you can continue to influence the quality of the student learning experience.

For instance, QAA Scotland recruit part-time student reviewers regularly – opportunities which are open to students for up to three years following graduation (or following a sabbatical year).

QAA student reviewers undertake reviews of education providers as part of a review team in order to reach findings on the academic standards and quality of provision. Student reviewers are equal members of the review teams and are trained and supported by QAA to undertake their roles.

By joining the pool of student reviewers, you will be offered the opportunity to participate in Tertiary Quality Enhancement Reviews (TQERs) undertaken at institutions across Scotland. You don't have to attend every review to stay in the pool, and you will be paid for your participation.

QAA periodically recruits new reviewers and student reviewers; you can find out more about the role on the [QAA website](#) and can look out for their [recruitment cycles](#) online.





If you've enjoyed working in education and students' associations, then the following development opportunities and portals for paid or voluntary roles might be worth exploring. In addition to the suggestions below, explore the job pages and social media accounts of [universities](#), [colleges](#), sector agencies, policy bodies and civil service, who will all have dedicated recruitment pages.

<p>Further study – you may be eager to dive back into your education, perhaps at one of Scotland's colleges or universities, or further afield!</p>
<p>sparqs' Jobs Board – student engagement opportunities, including full-time posts within institutions and students' associations and relevant governance and trustee posts.</p>
<p>Get into Governance – an online course run by the College Development Network to help you consider applying for a college Board of Management.</p>
<p>Scottish Government Public Appointments – you've probably sat on your College Board of Management or University Court, which are examples of the many governing bodies accountable to the Scottish Government for a range of public services and agencies.</p>
<p>CDN's college vacancies directory – containing jobs from colleges in Scotland.</p>
<p>Committee of University Chairs' vacancies portal – with positions in university governing bodies in Scotland and across the UK.</p>
<p>www.jobs.ac.uk – a portal for jobs in colleges and universities across the UK.</p>
<p>su.careers – a directory run by NUS with vacancies for staff and trustee roles at students' unions across the UK.</p>
<p>WONKHE jobs board – a portal for leadership, policy, strategy, planning, comms, public affairs, research, management and other work in higher education.</p>
<p>Goodmoves – a jobs directory for the third sector run by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO). Third sector interfaces (TSIs) may have jobs listed locally.</p>
<p>Local authorities – your experience of working in a democratic organisation means you might be interested in jobs in a local council ...or you might even want to stand for election!</p>
<p>Changing the Chemistry – a charity which aims to work with boards in all sectors to improve and promote diversity. They provide coaching and mentoring for prospective board members, run events and activities, and promote board vacancies.</p>
<p>Governor Competencies Map – developed by Advance HE to help University Court members to reflect on their progress and development.</p>