



An introduction to QAA and the Tertiary Quality Project in Scotland

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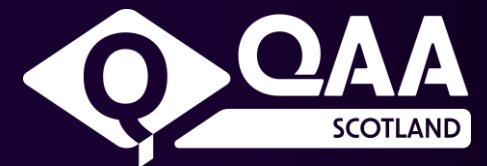
Overview of presentation

- Who is QAA?
- Tertiary Quality Project (TQP) in Scotland
- QAA's approach to the TQP
- Discussion questions
- Next steps
- Questions



Who is QAA?

- UK-wide organisation
- Purpose: To ensure that students and learners experience the highest possible quality of education
- Independent body entrusted with monitoring, and advising on, standards and quality in UK higher education
- Stakeholder engagement – nationally and internationally
- Guided by the UK Quality Code for Higher Education



Tertiary Quality Project in Scotland

QAA has been commissioned by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) to lead key areas of Scotland's Tertiary Quality Project (TQP):

- **External enhancement-led peer review**
- **National thematic enhancement activity**
- **Tertiary Enhancement Topic**



QAA's approach to the TQP

In developing an external enhancement-led peer review method, QAA aims to:

- **Co-create** with staff and students from universities and colleges to ensure collective ownership.
- **Draw on strengths from both sectors** and ensure the agreed approaches reflect these strengths.
- **Apply flexibility** recognising the uniqueness of individual institutions.

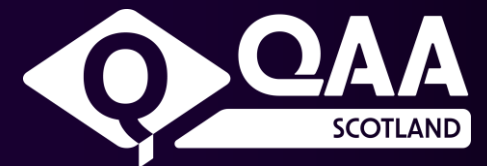
Discussion questions

- How do we ensure there is a strong student voice as we develop new tertiary quality arrangements?
- What could QAA do to support students to feel confident/comfortable to be a member of a review team?
- With a national approach to enhancement activity, what would be the important student outcomes to measure?
- What's most important to you and the students you represent?
- Padlet link: <https://padlet.com/cturnbull21/discussion-questions-54a0rgf6kzwu8hp5>

Next steps

We will host a series of conversations with staff and students from colleges, universities and sector agencies to shape the work we contribute to the TQP across September and October:

- **21 September, 10am-12pm, online:** Introduction to QAA's areas of work under the TQP.
- **11 October, 10-12.30am, West Lothian College:** Shaping our next external review method.
- **11 October, 1.30-4.00pm, West Lothian College:** Shaping our approach to national thematic activity.





Thank you – any questions?



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