



**sparqs** Conference – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Student Engagement for All

Venue: Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh

## Programme

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- 09:00 – 09:40**      **Arrival and registration** ~ refreshments available
- 09:40 – 09:50**      **Welcome and introductory remarks**  
Eve Lewis, Director of sparqs
- 09:50 – 10:05**      **Formal conference opening**  
Karen Watt, Chief Executive of the Scottish Funding Council
- 10:05 – 11:00**      **'Student Engagement for All': Panel discussion**
  - o Carol Hunter, Student President, Fife College
  - o Maxine Jolly, Young Inspectors' Programme, Education Scotland
  - o Rob McDermott, Quality Manager, Forth Valley College
  - o Aileen McGuigan, Senior Lecturer in Education, University of Dundee
  - o Ciaran Stewart, ex d/Deaf Students' Rep, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland*~ Our expert panel tackles the difficult question of what 'Student Engagement for All' means to them. Drawing on both personal and professional expertise, they will consider how we can ensure the student voice better reflects the diversity of the student population.*
- 11:00 – 12:15**      **Breakout Session 1 – Workshops and Presentations**
- 12:15 – 12:55**      **Lunch** ~ Including an opportunity to view the posters
- 12:55 – 13:10**      **Welcome back** ~ Launch of the sparqs' 2019-2022 Strategic Plan by incoming Chair, Sir Andrew Cubie
- 13:10 – 13:45**      **Keynote session**  
Dr Pauline Hanesworth, Senior Adviser at Advance HE, introduced by Liam McCabe, NUS Scotland President  
*~ Pauline's presentation will explore student mental health. She will highlight why colleges and universities must focus on the role of learning and teaching in promoting wellbeing and explain the value of students playing a meaningful role in this work.*
- 13:45 – 15:00**      **Breakout Session 2 - Workshops and Presentations**
- 15:00 – 15:15**      **Break** ~ Refreshments and another opportunity to view the posters
- 15:15 – 16:30**      **Breakout Session 3 – Workshops and Presentations**
- 16:30 – 16:35**      **Conference summary/closing remarks**  
Eve Lewis, Director of sparqs
- 16:35 – 17:00**      **Drinks reception and canapés**
- 17:00 – 18:30**      **Student Engagement Awards Reception**  
Hosted by Professor Norman Sharp OBE, outgoing Chair of sparqs
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