

GCU Engage: Student staff partnerships in policy and practice



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Workshop Objectives

To present a brief overview of GCU Engage

To explore the dimensions of Student Engagement in Colleges and Universities

To gather feedback on staff student partnership working in the HE/College sector



Workshop

Overview of GCU Engage (10 mins)

Group work 1: What does student engagement mean in your College or University? (20 mins)

Group work 2: In what ways are staff and students working together in your College or University? (20 mins)

Short Plenary (10 mins)



In Scotland a partnership rather than a consumerist model is and remains the key driver for student engagement. At sector level, the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) expects students to have a 'strong voice', and to be involved in shaping their university experience.



In 2014, Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) established GCU Engage, a partnership between the Students' Association and the University.

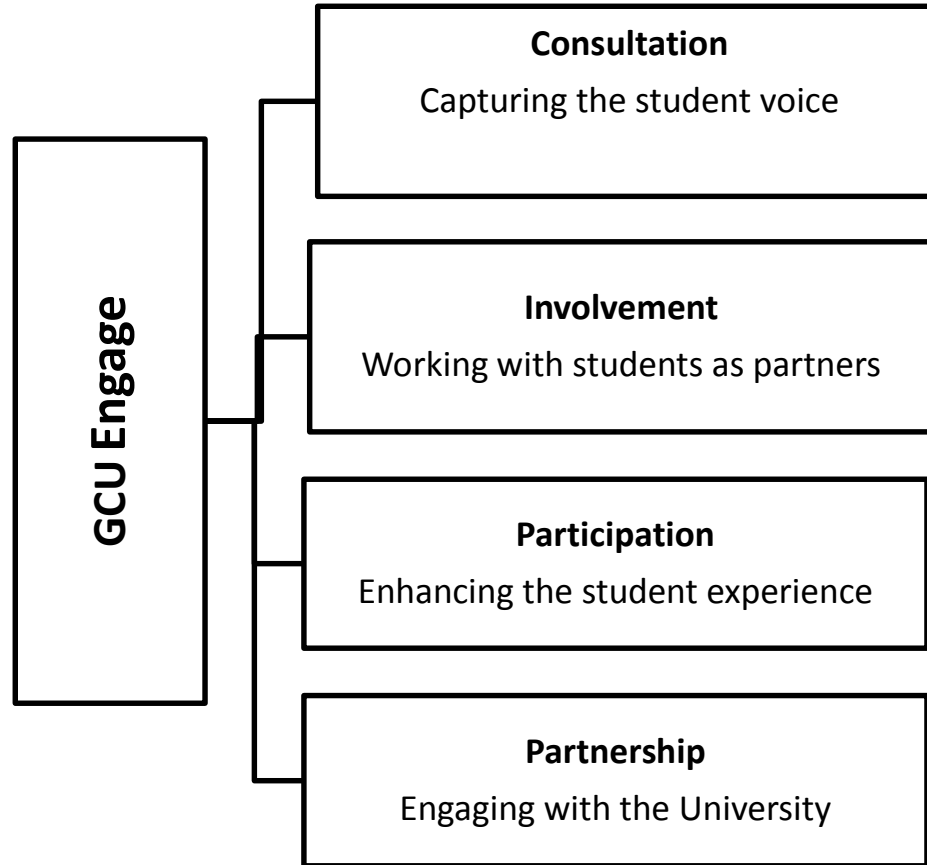


GCU Engage reflects a sector wide paradigm shift; one that acknowledges students as co-producers and co-creators and not just the 'end stage' recipients of knowledge.



The model is underpinned by the sparqs Student Engagement Framework (2011), the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency) UK Quality Code for Higher Education, the findings from the HEA (Higher Education Academy) 'What Works?' Student Retention and Success Programme (2012-2015) (Thomas 2011) and the recent HEA report Engagement through Partnership: Students as Partners in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (Healey et al 2014).





Group Work 1: What does student engagement mean in your College or University? (15 mins)



Group Work 2: In what ways are staff and students working together in your College or University? (15 mins)



Short Plenary (15 mins)

What more can we do?



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