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### QAA Latest news and events (January 2015)

#### QAA news

##### [Emerging practice on employability](#)

Engagement between higher education providers and employers has become increasingly commonplace within UK higher education. Our new report *Employer Engagement: Emerging Practice from QAA Reviews* provides an overview of emerging effective practice in relation to the engagement that takes place between higher education providers and employers, businesses and industry. This report is based upon an analysis of published reports arising from QAA reviews that have taken place since September 2010. It covers over 200 reports, supplemented by an analysis of a sample of providers' self-evaluation documents submitted in support of their QAA review.

##### [Consultation on the draft revised version of International Students Studying in the UK: Guidance for UK Higher Education Providers](#)

QAA has opened a consultation on revised guidance for higher education providers that recruit international students. The guidance focuses on some of the expectations set out in the UK Quality Code for Higher Education that are particularly relevant for providers when considering the needs of international students. It identifies a series of steps providers can take to create the best UK learning experience for international students - from recruitment through to graduation.

Visit the [QAA newsroom](#) to browse the latest updates and access our news, events, press releases, consultations and circular letters.

For information on higher education and quality assurance news from around the world, see our [international news digest](#).

#### Latest publications

##### [Employer Engagement: Emerging Practice from QAA Reviews](#)

##### [Higher Education that Works: Involving Employers in Quality Assurance](#)

This guide explains how QAA supports higher education providers in meeting UK expectations for standards and quality; and how employers can help higher education adapt to emerging economic, social and environmental needs.

#### Consultations

##### [Consultation on four Qualification Characteristics Statements](#)

This consultation invites comments on updated and revised versions of three Qualification Characteristics Statements and on the development of a new Statement. We welcome contributions to this consultation from anyone with an interest in any or all of the areas covered, including staff with responsibilities for any or all of the qualifications described; representatives from all four UK countries; students, student representatives and staff from student representative bodies; sector and representative bodies; professional, statutory or regulatory bodies; and employer groups. The consultation is open until 23 March 2015.

##### [Consultation on the draft revised version of International Students Studying in the UK: Guidance for UK Higher Education Providers](#)

This consultation invites comments on the draft revised version of International Students Studying in the UK: Guidance for UK Higher Education Providers. We welcome contributions to this consultation from anyone with an interest in the experiences of international students studying in the UK, including: HE staff; sector bodies; prospective, current and past students; and employers of international graduates. The consultation is open until 13 March 2015.

## QAA events

QAA runs a series of conferences and workshops throughout the year. For full details, please see our [events page](#). Resources and materials from past events can also be found here.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are available for a range of QAA events. Please contact [Sara Vielvoye](#), QAA Events and Sponsorship Coordinator, for more information.

### [Thematic Enquiry of London Campuses](#)

13 February 2015 - Radisson Blu Hotel, Cardiff

QAA conducted a one-off review to confirm the quality and standards at UK higher education delivered through these London branch campuses. The enquiry examined the nature of these satellite campuses, how they are managed and most importantly, how they assure the quality of the learning experience of students. The briefing will explore the following: London campuses in the context of developing higher education policy, findings from the Thematic Enquiry, including good practice and lessons learnt, and developments in Home Office policy in the recruitment of international students at London Campuses. [Registration](#) is now open.

### [Reducing Regulation and the Future of Quality Assessment](#)

18 February 2015 - British Academy, London

This joint professional, statutory and regulatory body (PSRB) Forum, co-hosted by QAA and the UK Inter-Professional Group (UKIPG), will focus on two key agenda items: reducing regulation and the future of higher education quality assessment. For details about registration please visit the [event webpage](#).

### [QAA Annual Reception 2015](#)

11 March 2015 - Westminster, London

On 11 March 2015, QAA will celebrate 25 years of the Access to Higher Education Diploma, at our Annual Reception in Westminster. Current and former Access students will attend this celebratory event, along with MPs, peers, and representatives from QAA's subscribing institutions and Access Validating Agencies. Attendance at the QAA Annual Reception is by invitation only. Invitations will be sent out in early January 2015. For enquiries about the event, contact the QAA [events team](#).

### [International Quality Assurance Programme](#)

11-15 May 2015 - Carlton House Terrace, London

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) is pleased to announce the fourth intensive five-day course for Quality Managers from non-UK institutions who would like to learn more about quality assurance in the UK and other countries. Participants will be able to benefit from expert input as well as sharing experience with other international delegates. To [apply for this event](#), please send us your CV. Should you have any questions regarding the programme please contact [Sara Hashmat](#).

### [12th Annual Enhancement Themes Conference](#)

9-11 June 2015 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

The International Conference on Enhancement and Innovation in Higher Education: Student Transitions will explore a broad range of student transitions and quality enhancement. Two of our keynote speakers for the conference are Professor George Kuh, of the University of Illinois and Indiana University Bloomington, and Professor Sally Kift from James Cook University. [Biographies and photographs](#) of both speakers can be found on the Enhancement Themes website.

### [Annual Conference 2015](#)

10-11 June 2015 - New Dock Hall Conference Centre, Leeds

This year's QAA Annual Conference takes place on 10-11 June 2015. The Conference opens on the afternoon of 10 June with registration and special guest speakers, followed by a Conference dinner in the evening, and a full day's Conference programme on 11 June. To express your interest in

attending the Conference and the dinner, please email [QAAevents@qaa.ac.uk](mailto:QAAevents@qaa.ac.uk) and we will let you know when further details are available.

## Vacancies

### [Review Manager \(zero days\)](#)

We are looking to appoint a Review Manager on a zero-days contract. Review Managers play a crucial role for QAA, leading teams of peer reviewers in universities and colleges, and also supporting a range of other activities such as training reviewers, briefing providers and designing new methods. The role demands a detailed working knowledge of quality assurance in UK higher education. You will also be well organised, capable of making sound judgments under pressure, and have excellent written and oral communication skills. The closing date is **Friday 16 January**.

## Latest review reports (22 December 2014 - 12 January 2015)

### Higher Education Review

[Ashton Sixth Form College, October 2014](#)

[Bishop Burton College, October 2014](#)

[Kidderminster College, October 2014](#)

[North West Kent College of Technology, October 2014](#)

### Review for Educational Oversight

[Magna Carta College Ltd, October 2014](#)

### Review for Educational Oversight, monitoring visit

[City and Guilds of London Art School Ltd, November 2014](#)

[London Film Academy Ltd, November 2014](#)

[Nelson College London Ltd, November 2014](#)

[West London College of Business & Management Sciences - Manchester Campus Ltd, November 2014](#)

[Westlink College Ltd, November 2014](#)

### Review for Specific Course Design

[London College of Business Sciences Ltd, October 2014](#)

### Adapted Review for Specific Course Design

[Cambridge Arts & Sciences Ltd, October 2014](#)

[City College Nottingham, October 2014](#)

### Embedded College Review for Educational Oversight

[Bellerbys Educational Services Ltd: Keele University International Study Centre, September 2014](#)