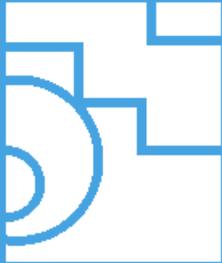


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Universities Scotland: projects, co-operation and visibility

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Overview

- Role of Universities Scotland
- How we work
- Key current priorities
- Looking to the future



Role of Universities Scotland

- Universities Scotland will influence the policy, legislative and financial environment so that it best supports members' success.
- In doing so, we will promote the university sector's contribution to Scotland's economic, social and cultural wellbeing.



How we work

- Principals as members
- Convener/ Vice Convener
- Lead members for particular topics
- Expert committees
- Director and professional staff
- Voluntary subscription by members



How we work

- Partner/ initiator in policy development
- Evidence-based development of sector's case
- Negotiation with government/ funders
- Maintenance of network of relationships
- Public presentation; press and parliament
- Private presentation: Ministers and civil servants

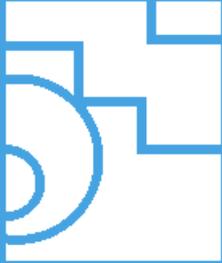
Current priorities

- Autonomy and governance
- Legislation on further and higher education
- Demonstrating value in return for public investment
- Securing government funding (2014-16)

Looking to the future

- Constitutional change
- Future funding
- Global competition and global partnerships

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