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FAUBAI UK study tour

20–30 September 2014

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Visitor list

NAME	JOB TITLE / INSTITUTION
Camila Höfling	Director for International Relations, UFSCar - Federal University of São Carlos
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Accompanied by

NAME	JOB TITLE / INSTITUTION
Claudio Anjos	Director Education and Society, British Council Brazil
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David Purchall	British Council Visit Co-ordinator (London only)
Mark Hopkins	Events Manager, British Council (Cardiff only)



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Programme summary

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sunday 20 September	Arrive London and travel to Cardiff
Monday 21 September	Welcome and introduction International collaboration opportunities Brazil / Wales Visit to Swansea University
Tuesday 22 September	Visit to Cardiff University Travel to Belfast Reception with Deputy Mayor, City of Belfast
Wednesday 23 September	International collaboration opportunities Brazil / N. Ireland Visit to University of Ulster and Queens University Belfast
Thursday 24 September	Travel to London Meeting with key UK stakeholders IELTS 25 Anniversary reception
Friday 25 September	International collaboration opportunities Brazil / UK
Saturday 26 September	Free Day
Sunday 27 September	Travel to Edinburgh
Monday 28 September	International collaboration opportunities Brazil / Scotland Visit to Heriot-Watt University
Tuesday 29 September	Visit to University of Stirling

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SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

	<p>Participants arrive London Heathrow airport and go to Terminal 1 meeting point marked with the following symbol</p>  <p>Delegates from Sao Paulo arrive at Terminal 1 on flight JJ8084 at 15.05</p>	<p>Participants will arrive on different flights. A British Council Visit Coordinator, David Purchall, will meet you in the arrival area in Terminal 1 from 15.00 – 16.00. He will be at the Meeting point which is in the international arrivals area (ground floor), next to the Costa coffee bar. Aliandra Barlete will also be waiting for you.</p> <p>Please call David if you have any difficulty in finding the group T +44(0)7548 751027 or Aliandra on +55 11 973 464 882</p> <p>The coach will depart from Heathrow at 16.30 so please ensure you are ready to leave at this time.</p>
16.30	Depart by coach for Cardiff	
19.30	<p>Arrive at hotel and check in</p> <p>Hilton Cardiff Kingsway Cardiff CF10 3HH T +44(0)2920 646300</p> 	<p>Mark Hopkins, British Council Events Manager will meet you at the hotel to assist with check in.</p> <p>Bed and breakfast accommodation has been reserved for you for two nights from Sunday 21 to the morning of Tuesday 23 September.</p> <p>British Council booking ref: BCGR00000278 (booked through HRG)</p> <p>The British Council will be responsible for the cost of Bed and Breakfast only at your hotels; any other expenses such as extra meals, telephone calls etc are your own responsibility and should be paid by you on departure.</p>
	Evening free	There are restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel

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MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

08.30	Meet in the Hotel Reception after breakfast. Depart for British Council office	Aliandra will meet you in the reception area and accompany you to the British Council Cardiff office
08.45	Arrive British Council Cardiff	British Council Wales 1 Kingsway Second Floor Cardiff CF10 3AQ T +44(0)29 2092 4300
09.00	Welcome and introductions <i>Christopher Lewis</i> <i>Head Education & Society Wales</i> <i>British Council</i> <i>Claudio Anjos</i> <i>Director Education and Society</i> <i>British Council Brazil</i> Briefing on study tour programme itinerary	During this session you will have a brief overview of the programme itinerary and an opportunity to ask any questions regarding arrangements for the study tour.
09.30	Higher Education in Wales <i>Gwen Williams</i> <i>International Policy Adviser</i> <i>University Wales</i>	From 09.30-10.00 the invited Welsh University representatives will arrive. They will join the meeting at 10.00
10.00	FAUBAI presentations	Brief presentations from each member of the Brazilian delegation
11.00	Coffee/tea	
11.15	Round table: International collaboration opportunities Brazil / Wales Chaired by <i>John Grattan</i> <i>Pro Vice Chancellor</i> <i>Aberystwyth University</i>	
12.30	Networking lunch	Lunch will be provided at the British Council

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13.30	Depart by coach for Swansea University	The journey time is about 1 hour. Christopher Lewis will accompany you to the university. Dr Geoff Proffitt, Director Knowledge Economy, Biosciences, Swansea University will travel with you.
14.40	Arrive Swansea University	Contact: Amy Davies T 01792 602452 M 07799677829 Swansea University Singleton Abbey Swansea University Singleton Park Swansea SA2 8PP
14.45	Official welcome by <i>Professor Richard Davies</i> <i>Vice Chancellor</i>	Singleton Abbey main hall
15.15	DVD presentation by <i>Cristina Monteiro-Mudresh</i> <i>International Officer, Latin America</i>	ILS 1 Seminar Room
15.25	Presentations by <i>Dr Geoff Proffitt, College of Science</i> <i>Dr James Holness, College of Engineering</i> <i>Professor Keith Lloyd, College of Medicine</i>	ILS 1 Seminar Room
16.20	Tour of Institute of Life Science 1 laboratories and then over to ILS2 for a tour of the Center for NanoHealth Facility	Institute of Life Science 1/2
16.50	Afternoon tea with SWB students and academics	Institute of Life Science 2 Hub
18.00	Refreshment break	Institute of Life Science 2
18.30	Depart for La Braseria, Swansea	
19.00	Dinner in La Braseria, Swansea	La Braseria

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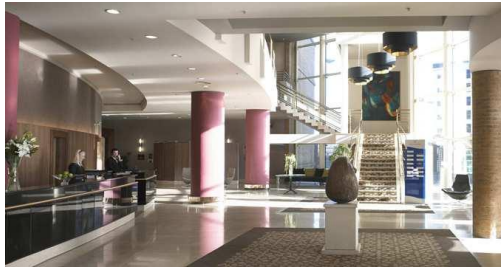
		28 Wind Street Swansea SA1 1DZ
21.00	Return to hotel	
22.00	Arrive hotel	

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TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

08.30	Please check out and meet in the hotel reception after breakfast.	You will be met in Reception by Mark and Aliandra. You will need to put your bags on the coach.
09.00	Depart for Cardiff University	It is about a 10 minute walk to the University. Alison Cummins, Communications and External Relations Manager, British Council will accompany you to the university.
09.20	Arrive Cardiff University	Contact: Anne Morgan T 07885 988720 Main Building Cardiff University Park Place Cardiff CF10 3AT
09.30	Welcome and overview of Cardiff University	
10.30	Campus tour	
11.00	Roundtable discussion and informal lunch	
12.30	Depart for Cardiff airport	You will be taken by coach from the university directly to the airport
14.20	Depart for Belfast on flight BE282	You have a baggage allowance on one 23kg bag and a second up to 40kg
15.35	Arrive Belfast City Airport	On arrival, exit the terminal turn right and cross the pedestrian crossing to the pick-up zone and call the driver to collect you. You will be taken by coach to your hotel
16.30	Arrive at hotel and check in Hilton Belfast 4 Lanyon Place Belfast BT1 3LP T +44(0)028 9027 7000	Bed and breakfast accommodation has been reserved for you for two nights from Tuesday 23 to the morning of Thursday 25 September. British Council booking ref: BCGR00000279 (booked through HRG) The British Council will be responsible for the cost of Bed and Breakfast only at your hotels; any other expenses such as extra meals, telephone calls etc are your own responsibility and should

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be paid by you on departure.

18.00	Meet in the hotel reception for departure to Belfast City Hall	Jonathan Stewart, Deputy Director UK Region, will meet you in the reception and accompany you on foot to Cardiff City Hall. Dress code for City Hall reception is Smart
18.30	Reception at Belfast City Hall Your host will be <i>The Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maire Hendron</i>	Belfast City Hall Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GS Early evening tea/coffee reception to meet the Deputy Lord Mayor. You will have short tour of the City Hall.
20.00	Reception finishes The rest of the evening is free	

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WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

08.30	Meet in the hotel reception after breakfast Depart for the British Council	You will be met by Jonathan and taken on foot to the British Council offices. It is about a 5 minute walk
08.45	Arrive British Council Belfast	British Council Northern Ireland The Boat 7th floor 49 Queen's Square Belfast BT1 3FG T +44 (0)28 9019 2200
09.00	Welcome and introduction <i>Jo Beall</i> <i>Head Education & Society</i> <i>British Council</i>	You will be joined throughout the day by Jonathan Stewart, Deputy Director UK Region, British Council
09.10	Overview of the Brazilian HEI sector and FAUBAI <i>Claudio Anjos</i> <i>Director Education & Society</i> <i>British Council Brazil</i>	
09.30	International collaboration Brazil/UK: an overview of HE in N. Ireland <i>Judith Shaw</i> <i>Head of Higher Education Policy</i> <i>Department for Employment & Learning (DEL)</i>	Department for Employment & Learning (DEL) is a devolved Northern Ireland government department in the Northern Ireland Executive.
10.00	International collaboration Brazil/UK: business collaboration between NI and Brazil <i>Mary Meehan</i> <i>Regional Manager Latin America & Canada, Invest NI</i> and <i>Claire Gadd</i> <i>Europe Trade Team Manager</i>	Invest NI is Northern Ireland's regional economic development agency

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10.30	Tea/coffee	
10.45	International collaboration Brazil/UK: ELT offer in NI <i>Paul McMullan</i> <i>English UK – Northern Ireland</i>	English UK is the national association of accredited English Language centres
11.15	Q&A and discussion with speakers and delegation	
12.00	Lunch	
12.45	Depart by coach for University of Ulster Belfast Campus	
13.00	Arrive University of Ulster You will be met in the front foyer by <i>Roisin McEvoy</i> <i>Head of International Student Experience, International Department</i> and <i>Claire Caldwell</i> <i>International Marketing & Recruitment Officer, International Department (with responsibility for coordinating Ciencia Sem Fronteiras at Ulster),</i>	Contact: Roisin McEvoy T +44 (0)28 9036 8760 University of Ulster Belfast campus York Street Belfast BT15 1ED The meeting will take place in the Boardroom
13.05	Tea/coffee and opportunity to meet with a few of the University's current Brazilian students	The meeting will take place in the Boardroom
13.15	Welcome to Ulster <i>Richard Millar</i> <i>Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning, Partnerships and International Affairs</i>	
13.20	Round table introductions and information sharing by the Brazilian universities Chair: <i>Claudio Anjos</i>	

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14.00	<p>Ulster presentation</p> <p><i>Roisin McEvoy</i></p> <p><i>Teresa Purdy, Head of International Student Marketing & Recruitment, International Department</i></p> <p><i>Shauna McKeown, Head of International Business Support, International Department</i></p> <p><i>Teresa Lennon, Head of Research Development, Research & Innovation</i></p>	
14.30	<p>Summary of discussion and next steps</p> <p><i>Roisin McEvoy</i></p>	
15.00	<p>Depart by coach for Queens University Belfast</p>	
1520	<p>Arrive Queen's University Belfast</p> <p>Meet outside the Lanyon Building</p>	<p>Contact: Isabelle Husillos M 07815706259</p> <p>Queen's University Belfast University Road Belfast BT7 1NN</p> <p>You should come into the campus via University Square entrance. Stop at the front door of the Lanyon door</p>
15.25	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Pedro Rebelo</i> <i>School of Creative Arts</i></p> <p>and</p> <p><i>Claudio Anjos</i></p>	<p>B&W Hall</p> <p>During the visit you will also meet</p> <p>Prof Tom Millar, Dean of Engineering and Physical Sciences</p> <p>Scott Rutherford, Head of Research</p> <p>Catherine McCorry, Academic Affairs (Partnerships)</p> <p>Donna Beckington, Academic Affairs (Exchanges) Isabelle Husillos, Senior International Officer</p>

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15.30	Campus tour	Lanyon Building, Great Hall, International & Postgraduate Student Centre, McClay Library
16.00	Brazil Presentations <i>Pedro Rebelo</i> and <i>Paulo Prodohl</i> <i>School of Biological Sciences</i>	
16.30	Collaboration & Opportunities Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long term Research Collaboration (fapesp agreement)• Joint Degrees• Outward Mobility (UK to Brazil)
17.00	Reception with SWB students and staff	
17.30	Return to hotel by coach	
18.00	Walk to pub	
18.10	Pub visit Duke of York Cathedral Quarter	Jonathan will accompany you to the pub
19.30	The rest of the evening is free. You can return to the hotel at your leisure.	

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THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

07.15	Meet in the hotel reception after breakfast.	Please check out of your room and have your bags ready for departure. You will be met by Aliandra and Linda Cushenan, British Council Northern Ireland to help with check out.
07.30	Depart for Belfast City Airport	
08.15	Arrive Belfast City Airport	
09.45	Depart for London Heathrow Terminal 1 on Flight BA1423	You have extra baggage allowance and can take two 23kg bags.
10.35	Arrive London Heathrow airport	You will be met at the airport by David Purchall, a British Council Visit Co-ordinator. David will accompany you by coach to your hotel
12.00	Arrive at hotel Strand Palace Hotel 372 Strand London WC2R 0JJ T +44 (0)207 379 4737 	You will not be able to check in to your room when you arrive. Please leave your bags with the Hotel Concierge. Bed and breakfast accommodation has been reserved for you for three nights from the afternoon Thursday 25 to the morning of Sunday 28 September. British Council booking ref: BCGR00000280 (booked through HRG) The British Council will be responsible for the cost of Bed and Breakfast only at your hotels; any other expenses such as extra meals, telephone calls etc are your own responsibility and should be paid by you on departure.
12.45	Depart for British Council	David and Aliandra will accompany to the British Council on foot.
13.00	Arrive British Council London Boardroom 6th floor	British Council 10 Spring Gardens London SW1A 2BN You will need to register at the reception desk and wear your passes at all times in the building
13.00	Networking Lunch	You will be joined by the UK agencies

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14.00	<p>Brazil/UK round table on Internationalisation</p> <p>Meeting chaired by</p> <p><i>Gordon Slaven</i> <i>Head of Higher Education</i> <i>British Council</i></p> <p>Presentations by UK agencies</p> <p>Presentation by FAUBAI institutions</p>	<p>The following agencies will be present at the meeting. Each will give a short introduction outlining how they support international education partnerships and collaborations.</p> <p>UUK: Universities UK Vivienne Stern, Director UK Higher Education International Unit Sean O'Connor, Americas Policy Officer, International Unit Tania Lima, Assistant Director, Programmes and Operations, International Unit</p> <p>Russell Group Tim Bradshaw, Head of Policy</p> <p>UKTI, UK Trade and Investment Geoff Gladding, Regional Director Europe and the Americas</p> <p>QAA, Quality Assurance Agency Jane Holt, Interim International director</p> <p>BIS, Department for Business, Innovation & Skill Patrick Shipp, Team Leader Science, Innovation and Education in the Americas</p> <p>HEA, Higher Education Academy Helen May, Academic Lead, Strategic Change and Internationalisation</p> <p>RCUK, Research Councils UK Sophie Laurie, Head of International British Council</p> <p>Daniel Korbel, Adviser Research Kevin Van-Cauter, Higher Education Adviser</p> <p>Juliana Bertazzo, Higher Education Policy Adviser, Brazilian Embassy London</p>
15.00	Coffee/tea	
15.15	<p>Roundtable continues</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Conclusions and next steps</p>	<p>The final sessions will discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • common ground based on shared interests • common sources of funding

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bilateral programmes in Newton Fund priority areas
16.30	Close	Aliandra will accompany you back to hotel on foot
16.45	Arrive at hotel and check in.	
18.00	Meet in the hotel reception for departure to the OXO Tower	You will be met by Aliandra who will help you get a taxi to the OXO tower. OXO2 Level 2, OXO Tower Wharf Bargehouse Street London SE1 9PH
18.30	IELTS 25 Anniversary Reception	18.30 Sparkling drinks and canapés 19.30 Speeches 20.00 Buffet and entertainment 23.00 Event ends The event ends at 11.00 but you will be free to return to the hotel or to dinner

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FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

09.15	Meet in the hotel reception after breakfast Depart for the British Council	You will be met by Aliandra and walk to the British Council offices. It is about a 10 minute walk
09.30	Arrive British Council	Invited UK university representatives arrive and registration
10.00	Welcome and introductions <i>Dame Joan Stringer</i> <i>Former VC Edinburgh Napier University and</i> <i>British Council Senior HE Adviser</i> and <i>Claudio Anjos</i> <i>Director Education and Society</i> <i>British Council Brazil</i>	
10.15	FAUBAI presentations	Brief presentations from each member of the Brazilian delegation
11.15	Coffee/tea	
11.30	Working groups 1. Science without borders – Tania Lima 2. Student mobility - Kevin Van Cauter, HE Adviser, British Council 3. Research partnerships - Dame Joan Stringer 4. Researcher and staff training opportunities – Claire McNulty, Head Science & Sustainability, British Council 5. Teaching partnerships - Aliandra Barlete, Project Manager, British Council Brazil 6. Joint degrees - Claudio Anjos, Director Education & Society, British Council Brazil	During this session there will be 6 roundtable discussion groups each led by a facilitator. The facilitator will take notes on the discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to move between the groups.
13.00	Networking lunch	
14.00	Wrap up session and feedback from	

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	group sessions Chaired by <i>Dame Joan Stringer</i>	
15.00	Coffe/tea break	
15.15	One to One meetings with Brazilian institutions. OPTIONAL.	UK Universities will be able to book these appointments on the day. The meetings will take place in the British Council Boardroom
16.30	Close.	
	The rest of the evening is free	

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SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

	Day free in London for appointments and sightseeing / cultural activities	
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SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

	Check out of hotel	You should check out and be ready to depart the hotel at 11.30. If you wish to check out early you can leave your bags with the concierge.
11.30	Meet in hotel reception for departure to Kings Cross Train station	You will be met by Aliandra who will accompany you by coach to Kings Cross Station.
12.30	Depart by train to Edinburgh	First class tickets have been reserved for journey.
17.09	Arrive Edinburgh Waverly Station	Please take a taxi to Jury's Inn Hotel
17.30	Arrive hotel and check in  Jury's Inn Edinburgh 43 Jeffrey Street Edinburgh EH1 1DH. T +44(0)131 200 3300	Bed and breakfast accommodation (double room) has been reserved for you for two nights from to the afternoon of Sunday 28 to the morning of Tuesday 30 of September. British Council booking ref: BCGR00000281 (booked through HRG)
	The rest of the evening is free	

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MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

08.20	Meet in hotel reception for departure to Universities Scotland	You will be met in the hotel reception by Aliandra walk to Universities Scotland.
08.40	Arrive Universities Scotland	<p>Holyrood Park House 106 Holyrood Road Edinburgh EH8 8AS</p> <p>You will be joined during the day by</p> <p>Natasha Kozłowska, Education Officer, British Council Scotland</p> <p>Lucy Young, Head of Education British Council Scotland</p>
09.00	Connected Scotland meeting with partners	<p>Meeting to introduce delegates to Connected Scotland initiative with Partners:</p> <p>Royal Society of Edinburgh Scottish Funding Council (tbc) Universities Scotland British Council Scotland</p>
10.00	<p>Welcome from British Council and Universities Scotland</p> <p><i>David Lott Deputy Director (Policy) Universities Scotland</i></p>	The University representatives will join you for this meeting
10.30	FAUBAI presentations	Brief presentations from each member of the Brazilian delegation
11.30	<p>Round table: International collaboration opportunities Brazil / Scotland</p> <p>Chaired by</p> <p><i>Margaret Smith Deputy Principal for Internationalisation University of Dundee / Chair, Universities Scotland's working group on Brazil</i></p>	<p>The following Higher Education Institutions will be present at the round table:</p> <p>University of West of Scotland Glasgow School of Arts Edinburgh Napier University Heriot Watt University University of Edinburgh University of Dundee University of St Andrews University of Stirling</p>

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		University of Strathclyde Abertay University University of Aberdeen
13.00	Networking lunch	At Universities Scotland
14.00	Depart for Heriot-Watt University	Heriot-Watt University Edinburgh Campus Edinburgh EH14 4AS
15.00	Arrive Heriot-Watt	You will be met by Mike Bates Director of Student Recruitment
	Programme tbc	
17.30	Return to Hotel. The rest of the evening is free	

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TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

	Check out of hotel	Please check out of your room before departure.
07.30	Depart by coach for the University of Stirling	Aliandra will meet you in the hotel reception. You will need to put your luggage on the coach.
09.00	Arrive at University of Stirling	University of Stirling Stirling Campus Stirling FK9 4LA
	Programme tbc	
11.00	Depart for British Council Edinburgh	
12.15	Arrive British Council Roundup and feedback Working lunch	
14.00	Depart by coach for Edinburgh airport	
16.30	Depart for London Heathrow on BA flight 1447	

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General information

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HRG
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Participating organisations



The [British Council](#) is the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. We create international opportunities for the people of the UK and other countries and build trust between them worldwide. The British Council was established in 1934 when Europe was in flux and the decision to spread and strengthen influence and pluralist democratic values through the development of cultural relations was arguably ahead of its time. In 2015 The British Council will have been operating in Italy for 70 years and for the last two decades the Pontignano conference has played a major role in strengthening the already close relations between Italy and the UK.



[The Department for Employment and Learning](#), DEL, aims to promote learning and skills, to prepare people for work and to support the economy.

Their objective is to promote economic, social and personal development through high quality learning, research and skills training; and to help people into employment and promote good employment practices.

Four key areas of activity

- Enhancing the provision of learning and skills, including entrepreneurship, enterprise, management and leadership
- Increasing the level of research and development, creativity and innovation in the Northern Ireland economy
- Helping individuals to acquire jobs, including self employment, and improving the linkages between employment programmes and skills development; and
- The development and maintenance of the framework of employment rights and responsibilities.

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As the regional business development agency, [Invest NI](#)'s role is to grow the local economy. They do this by helping new and existing businesses to compete internationally, and by attracting new investment to Northern Ireland.

They are part of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and provide strong government support for business by effectively delivering the Government's economic development strategies.

Invest NI offers the Northern Ireland business community a single organisation providing high-quality services, programmes, support and expert advice.

They principally support those businesses that can make the greatest contribution to growing our economy. These are businesses that have ability to grow and drive productivity in the economy and are keen to export their goods and services outside Northern Ireland.



English UK is the national association of accredited English Language centres, and the world's leading language teaching association. [English UK Northern Ireland](#) was set up in 2012 and is the newest of the English UK regional groups.

Over the last 10 years Northern Ireland has put itself firmly onto the map of attractive, affordable and safe destinations for investors, foreign visitors and international students alike.

Northern Ireland is a relatively new place for studying English, but it offers high quality courses and a truly unique environment for learning - with strong influences from both Irish and British culture. The seven members of English UK Northern Ireland cover the full range of educational services so all student needs are catered for with courses ranging from teenage summer programmes to university preparation and access courses.



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The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, QAA is an independent body entrusted with monitoring and advising on standards and quality in UK higher education. They are dedicated to checking that the three million students working towards a UK qualification get the higher education experience they are entitled to expect.

As UK higher education grows and diversifies, they safeguard standards and support the improvement of quality for students - whether they study at a university or college in the UK or in any other location worldwide where courses lead to UK higher education qualifications.

The scale, shape, structure and purpose of learning provision are changing in the UK and around the world. QAA are uniquely placed to anticipate and respond to these changes in order to safeguard the reputation of UK higher education, support economic opportunity for the UK, and provide assurance to those who invest in and undertake learning.

Their consultative and advisory role extends to playing a leading role in international developments in quality assurance, through membership of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education.



[The Higher Education Academy \(HEA\)](https://www.he.ac.uk/) is the national body for enhancing learning and teaching in higher education (HE). We are committed to excellent learning and teaching, supporting UK HE organisations with an emphasis on improving the student experience.

With a robust evidence base to underpin all our work, we:

- help individuals realise professional learning and teaching ambitions
- support organisations to achieve their strategic ambitions to enhance teaching and learning
- work across the sector to shape the future of HE

We bring together universities, colleges, governments and sector agencies to improve teaching and the student experience. On behalf of the sector, we manage the UK Professional Standards Framework UKPSF and a unique professional recognition programme to support the professionalisation of teaching and individuals achieve their career goals.

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The [RCUK](#) mission is to optimise the ways that Research Councils work together to deliver their goals, to enhance the overall performance and impact of UK research, training and knowledge transfer and to be recognised by academia, business and government for excellence in research sponsorship.

The overall aim of RCUK is for the Research Councils to be recognised as the benchmark around the world in terms of the impact they have and the ways they work.

Leadership of RCUK is provided by the Research Councils' chief executives, working together through the forum of the [RCUK Executive Group](#).

RCUK is not a legal entity and its existence does not alter the governance of the individual Research Councils or the accountability of their chief executives, who remain directly and personally accountable for the guardianship of public funds. These accountabilities are not exercised through RCUK.



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The [Department for Business, Innovation & Skills \(BIS\)](#) is the department for economic growth. The department invests in skills and education to promote trade, boost innovation and help people to start and grow a business. BIS also protects consumers and reduces the impact of regulation.

We are responsible for:

- working with further and higher education providers to give students the skills they need to compete in a global employment market
- supporting innovation and developing the UK's science and research industry, which is important to help economic growth
- making sure consumer law is fair for both consumers and businesses, and that consumers know their rights and are able to use them effectively
- supporting British businesses to increase productivity and compete anywhere in the world
- better regulation - by cutting the amount of regulation and making it easy to understand we can help businesses cut time, save money and be more efficient

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[Universities UK](#) is the definitive voice for universities in the UK. We provide high quality leadership and support to our members, to promote a successful and diverse higher education sector. Our 134 members including virtually all the universities in the UK and some colleges of higher education



The [International Unit](#) initiates and delivers high profile projects and activities to support and develop the breadth and depth of the UK higher education sector's international activities. It further supports the sector's engagement in European Union and Bologna Process policy debates.

It provides analysis on all aspects of higher education internationalisation, from international research collaboration to student recruitment to the various forms of 'transnational education' by which UK education is delivered overseas.

It also provides intelligence on government and higher education sector initiatives in traditional competitor countries (like the United States) and in countries that are simultaneously student markets, collaborators and potential competitors (like China and India).



UK Trade & Investment

[UKTI](#) works with UK based businesses to ensure their success in international markets through exports. We encourage and support overseas companies to look at the UK as the best place to set up or expand their business.

We have professional advisers around the UK and staff across more than 100 countries. Our headquarters are in London.

We are responsible for:

- international trade and investment
- helping UK companies achieve their potential overseas through exporting

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- encouraging investment in the UK by overseas businesses

The logo for the Russell Group, featuring the words "RUSSELL GROUP" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background.

The [Russell Group](#) represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

Russell Group universities play an important part in the intellectual life of the country and have a huge impact on the social, economic and cultural well-being of their regions. Our aim is to ensure that our universities have the optimum conditions in which to flourish and continue to make this impact through their world-leading research and teaching.



[Universities Scotland](#) is the representative body of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions. We develop policy on behalf of the university sector and campaign publicly on higher education issues.

Universities Scotland essentially works for the Principals or Directors of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions. However, Universities Scotland seeks to draw upon expertise where it exists in the sector and will therefore liaise with individuals from the senior management team across all institutions where appropriate.

The work of Universities Scotland is split into five broad policy areas:

- Learning, teaching and skills
- Research and knowledge exchange
- Resources, governance and administration
- Widening access and equal opportunities
- Internationalisation

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Scottish higher education; international & collaborative

Scotland's higher education institutions have come together with eight different partners to form [Connected Scotland](#). Connected Scotland will draw together the knowledge, expertise, networks and resources of each of the partners into a series of collaborative ventures that will make the partnership greater than the sum of its parts.

The [eight partner organisations in Connected Scotland](#) all recognise that there are further benefits to be realised for the sector from joint working. All partners share the following objectives:

- to amplify a message in target markets about the quality and scope of the sector's offering which rests on excellence in teaching, research and knowledge exchange;
- to enhance the sector's success through sharing resources and networks, utilising joint outward missions and collaborative responses to inward missions, be this in emerging or more established markets;
- to develop new collaborative operational strands that can contribute significantly to the growth of the sector's exports and overall contribution to the Scottish Government's Export Ambition in the areas of transnational education, collaborative research and knowledge exchange and student recruitment and mobility;
- to provide enhanced, collaborative support to institutions in strengthening their existing international links and plans; and
- to facilitate mutually beneficial partnerships with other key Scottish sectors and organisations in developing international links.