

Higher Education Professional Bodies

[Academic Registrars' Council \(ARC\)](#) Forum for senior managers responsible for the administration of student matters at UK HE institutions.

[ARMA - Association of Research Managers and Administrators](#) ARMA is the professional association for research managers and administrators in the UK with members in universities, funding bodies, the NHS and independent research organisations.

[ASET \(Work-Based and Placement Learning Association\)](#) The body that represents the placement and employability practitioners.

[Association of University Administrators](#) The professional body for all those interested in advancing their career in higher education.

[Association for Managers In Students' Unions](#) The body that represents the managers working in most students' unions in the UK.

[Association for Student Residential Accommodation](#) The Association serves as a forum in which members can discuss matters relevant to the provision, quality and effective management of student housing.

[Association for University and College Counselling \(AUCC\)](#) Professional organisation for counsellors in higher and further education.

[Association for University Research and Industry Links \(AURIL\)](#) A network of professionals dedicated to the development of partnerships between higher education and industry to support innovation and competitiveness

[Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services \(AGCAS\)](#) AGCAS is the professional association of careers services in Higher Education, representing all universities and most of the major degree-awarding colleges in the UK and Ireland.

[Association of Heads of University Administration \(AHUA\)](#) The representative body for senior University managers (typically Registrars, Chief Operating Officers, Heads of Administration)

[Association of International Student Advisers \(AISA\)](#) AISA is a networking and support group for individual advisers who work for organisations that are members of [UKCOSA](#)

[Association of Managers of Student Services in HE \(AMOSSHE\)](#) AMOSSHE brings together those who have responsibility for the management or co-ordination of a range of learner support and guidance services for students.

[Association of University Chief Security Officers \(AUCSO\)](#) Membership of AUCSO is aimed at those responsible for security and related services within UK Universities or Colleges & Institutions of Higher Education.

[Association of University Directors of Estates \(AUDE\)](#) Professional organisation for directors of estates, or similar, in UK HE institutions

[Association of University Legal Practitioners](#) Forum for barristers and solicitors involved in in-house legal services for HE institutions

[Association of University Purchasing Officers \(AUPO\)](#) AUPO was founded to provide a forum for these people who work full-time in procurement to discuss strategic purchasing issues.

[Association of University Teachers \(AUT\)](#) The Association of University Teachers is a trade union and professional association representing academic and related staff in the universities, higher education colleges, and research institutions of the United Kingdom.

[British Council](#) The British Council's provides a range of services in the areas of education and training. The Education Counselling Service (ECS) works with the British Council's overseas network and British education and training providers to increase the UK's share of the international education and training market

[British Universities Finance Directors Group](#) BUFDG is the representative body for finance staff in the higher education sector in the United Kingdom.

British Universities International Liaison Association (BUILA) Organisation for those operating within international student recruitment.

[Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals \(CILIP\)](#) CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals was formed in April 2002 following the unification of the Institute of Information Scientists and the Library Association.

[Committee of University Chairs \(CUC\)](#) The Committee provides a forum for discussion for university chairmen. Its primary purpose is to enable chairmen to contribute their distinctive experience, knowledge and perspective as laymen to the consideration of those matters which concern all universities.

Conference of University Business Officers (CUBO) CUBO's main role is to provide a professional forum to facilitate the exchange of information on matters of common concern; promote professional standards, enhance skills and publicise examples of good practice; produce performance indicators and consult with other similar organisations regarding university hospitality and commercial services.

[Council for Advancement and Support of Education \(CASE\)](#) CASE is the professional organisation for advancement professionals at all levels who work in alumni relations, communications, and development.

[Council of Higher Education Internal Auditors \(CHEIA\)](#) CHEIA exists to promote and develop the role and status of internal audit in higher education.

[Council of Validating Universities \(CVU\)](#) The Council of Validating Universities is the only body in the UK specialising exclusively on good practice and standards for that aspect of higher education which concerns the validation of programmes of study by universities and colleges ('awarding institutions') or delivery by other colleges or organisations ('partner institutions').

[Equality Challenge Unit](#) The ECU website is designed to be an accessible, simple and useful source of information on the ECU, and a comprehensive resource for anyone researching equal opportunities as they apply to HE.

[Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges \(EAUC\)](#) The Association is leading the way in working towards more environmental and sustainable management and curriculum activities within this sector.

[EUPRIO \(Association of European Universities Public Relations and Information Officers\)](#) EUPRIO is the network for professionals in public relations and information services in European higher education.

[Forum for the Advancement of Continuing Education \(FACE\)](#) FACE, established in 1993, is a network for professionals involved with Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning. The forum facilitates the exchange and dissemination of information, and aims to support and encourage a socially inclusive frameworks for adult education.

[Higher Education Careers Services Unit \(CSU\)](#) CSU's mission is to be "the leading organisation in the UK for the development, dissemination and promotion of high quality careers guidance, information and recruitment services for higher education".

[Higher Education Equal Opportunities Network \(HEEON\)](#) HEEON promotes equal opportunities in all areas of higher education.

[Higher Education External Relations Association \(HEERA\)](#)

[Higher Education Liaison Officers' Association \(HELOA\)](#)

[HEURO - The Association of UK Higher Education European Officers](#) HEURO aims to provide a platform for all European Officers in Higher Education.

[Institute for Learning and Teaching](#) ILT is the professional body for all who teach and support learning in higher education in the UK.

[Leadership Foundation in Higher Education](#) Draws on the best existing programmes and commission new material in order to offer world-class development in leadership governance and management to current and future leaders within higher education institutions.

[National Association of Student Employment Staff](#) NASES is the national representative body for practitioners from all styles of student employment service, including those in students' unions, careers services and personnel offices.

[Open and Distance Learning Quality Council](#) The Council helps to enhance quality in education and training, and to protect the interests of learners, through the accreditation of open and distance learning providers.

[Professional Associations Research Network \(PARN\)](#) PARN is a non-political membership organisation set up to undertake research and provide networking opportunities for professional associations and their regulatory bodies. It has over 100 members in Great Britain and Ireland

[Public Management and Policy Association](#) The Public Management and Policy Association is a membership organisation that brings together managers and policy-makers from different disciplines across the public services and provides a forum in which they can discuss public policy and management issues that straddle programmes and sectors and affect all managers working in the public services.

[Qualifications and Curriculum Authority \(QCA\)](#) The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) brings together the work of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications (NCVQ) and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA) with additional powers and duties.

[QAA - Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education](#) The Agency's mission is to promote public confidence that quality of provision and standards of awards in higher education are being safeguarded and enhanced.

[Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities](#) Skill promotes opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of disability in post-16 education, training and employment across the UK.

[Society for Research into Higher Education \(SRHE\)](#) SRHE exists to stimulate and co-ordinate research into all aspects of higher education.

[SEDA - Staff and Educational Development Association](#) SEDA is the professional association for staff and educational developers in the UK, promoting innovation and good practice in higher education.

[The Standing Conference for Heads of Media Services \(SCHOMS\)](#) SCHoMS is the professional body for heads of services working within UK Higher Education.

[Standing Conference of National and University Libraries SCONUL](#) SCONUL works to improve the quality and extend the influence of library services in higher education, and the national libraries of the UK and Ireland.

[Student Records Officers' Conference \(SROC\)](#) SROC is an annual conference of Student Record's Officers from Higher Education Institutions around the United Kingdom. It also organises seminars and workshops on an ad hoc basis throughout the period between the annual conferences.

[TechDIS](#) TechDis is a ([JISC](#)) funded service supporting the further and higher education community in all aspects of technology and disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

[UK Council for Graduate Education](#) UKCGE champion the interests of graduate education in the United Kingdom's HEIs which make up its membership.

[UKCOSA: The Council for International Education](#) UKCOSA: The Council for International Education is an independent, not-for-profit organisation committed to promoting educational mobility and providing support to international students and the professionals who work with them.

[Universities Association for Continuing Education \(UACE\)](#) UACE represents the interests of the continuing education/lifelong learning community within HE.

[UCAS - Universities and Colleges Admissions Service](#) UCAS is the admissions service for UK HE

[Universities and Colleges Employers Association \(UCEA\)](#) UCEA is the employers' association for subscribing universities and other higher education institutions in the United Kingdom. UCEA provides a framework within which representatives of institutions can discuss salaries, conditions of service, employee relations and all matters connected with the employment of staff and employees.

[UCISA - Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association](#) UCISA represents the whole of higher education in the provision and development of academic, management and administrative information systems.

[Universities and Colleges Education Law Network \(UCELNET\)](#) UCELNET is a national network of staff whose responsibility extends to legal matters, in particular but not exclusively in the student and staff areas.