

Student Engagement in Academic Quality

One of the University's key priorities is the engagement of students as partners in shaping the direction of learning. One of the ways the University does this is by involving students in Institution-led Review (ILR).

What is Institution-led Review?

Every taught programme at the University is subject to Institution-led Review on a 5-year cycle (in line with Scottish Funding Council expectations and the requirements of the [UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#)). It is an 'enhancement-led' approach to review, meaning it is not about finding problems or criticizing individuals, but is about continuous improvement, and celebrating and sharing good practice. The process involves a panel of academic and professional experts from within and out-with the University meeting to review programme documentation, then meeting with current students and the programme teams before deciding a review outcome. The University requires that every panel has a full student member from a different subject area to the programmes under consideration.

Institution-led Review determines:

- whether the programmes meet the required academic standards for the award;
- that the learning, teaching and assessment approaches enable students to achieve the learning outcomes and;
- that the programmes provide students with access to high quality learning experiences.

What is the role of the student panel member?

Student panel members are responsible for:

- bringing the student perspective to the entire review;
- reading documentation in advance of the event;
- identifying key issues in the documentation to formulate themes for discussion during the event;
- actively participating in the review, by asking questions of the students and programme teams and engaging in discussions;
- commenting on the draft review report (a record of discussions and decisions).

What's in it for you and how will you be supported?

Serving as a student panel member will give you a valuable experience to add to your CV, but it also gives you a unique insight into the University's quality assurance and enhancement processes. It is an opportunity to enhance the quality of the educational experience at Edinburgh Napier, and to contribute to a national process of ensuring the quality of Scottish university education.

You will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the Quality & Standards Team in advance of the review to talk through the process.

Please note that student panel members cannot be a current student on any of the programmes under review.

Further information:

- The Quality Framework, Section 2b, Institution-led Review: <http://staff.napier.ac.uk/services/dlte/quality/qualityframework>
- sparqs (student partnerships in quality Scotland): <https://www.sparqs.ac.uk/>

How to get involved

If you would like to be involved, please contact Quality & Standards at quality@napier.ac.uk