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Final chance to book: ENIC NORTH 2024 conference, Glasgow, 30 April



There is still time to register for ENIC NORTH 2024 next Tuesday, 30 April, as we return to Glasgow, Scotland, to deliver a one-day conference at the Technology and Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde.

With an overall theme of 'Insights for Internationalisation', ENIC NORTH 2024 will feature a range of relevant and topical content, including keynote speeches, discussion panels, breakout sessions, plenaries, and Q&A sessions. The full programme can be viewed here. [PDF]

Confirmed speakers for the conference include:

- Professor James Miller FRSE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of Scotland: 'Insights for Internationalisation' panel discussion.
- Nancy Cooke, Director of International Development, University of Salford: 'Student Readiness Panel' and 'What to consider when recruiting and admitting international students' panel discussion.
- Tom Allardyce, Director of Global Partnerships, Northumbria University: 'Different approaches required internationally' panel discussion. READ MORE

Micro-credentials: peer learning panel discussion

A socially responsible approach to TNE: 'Deep Dialogues' conference



Representatives from over 30 countries engaged in focused discussions about internationalisation and transnational education (TNE) at the Going Global 'Deep Dialogues' conference in Edinburgh last month. Delegates representing Ministries and education providers attended this three-day event, organised by the British Council in partnership with Ecctis, the Employee-Owned Trust company which operates UK ENIC on behalf of the UK Government.

Fabrizio Trifiro, Head of Stakeholder Engagement and International Quality Reviews at Ecctis, chaired the keynote address by Professor Hans de Wit, Director of the Center for International Higher Education, Boston College, USA, which called for the international education community to come together and adopt a socially responsible approach to internationalisation.

Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement at UK ENIC, chaired a session on the Global Recognition Convention and recognition challenges of TNE. Its key speaker was Borhene Chakroun, Director of the Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO, who spoke about the progress that is being made in terms of signatories, a work programme and implementation of the Convention. READ MORE

Expert roundtable explores collaborative promotion of UK transnational education



Representatives from across the ENIC-NARIC network took part in a peer learning activity, focusing on online course catalogues of study programmes and micro-credentials.

Organised by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), the 20 March hybrid event, attended by scholars and practitioners from across Europe, fostered a regional understanding of the role and function of micro-credentials in different countries

The event was chaired by NAWA's Natalia Czujko, and focused on quality assurance and institutional autonomy and lifelong learning, as well as how microcredentials may contribute to graduate employability and professional development. READ MORE

'What's a good grade?' presentation to University Council of Jamaica



UK ENIC Head of External Engagement, Chris Lyons, delivered an online presentation to the University Council of Jamaica last month, with the theme: 'What's a good grade?'

The session formed part of the Council's 19th Quality Assurance in Higher Education Week, with the invitation following a presentation delivered late in 2023 by Chris Lyons at the annual conference of The Association of International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP).

'Through the presentation, my aim was to help delegates' understanding, and compare achievements in different qualifications, with a focus on local qualifications from within the region', said Chris Lyons. READ MORE

Book now for face-toface training opportunities, Manchester, UK



Representatives from across the UK higher education sector met in London to further explore how UK transnational education (TNE) can most effectively and collaboratively be promoted globally.

The mid-April roundtable workshop brought together delegates from hosting organisation Universities UK International (UUKi), Advance HE, the British Council, UK ENIC, Ecctis, the Office for Students, the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, and the UK Government's Department for Business and Trade and Department for Education.

The first event of its type, organised by UUKi's Joana Westphal and Annabelle Lee, it provided an introductory exploration into how the sector can work more collaboratively, raising mutual awareness of TNE expertise and interests, and identifying the next steps towards collective sectoral engagement.

Chris Lyons, UK ENIC Head of External Engagement, attended. He said: 'To some extent, the meeting in London was a continuation of discussions from a month earlier at the three-day 'Deep Dialogues' conference in Edinburgh. READ MORE

Face-to-face qualification recognition support at NHS Careers Fair



UK ENIC provided face-to-face support and advice at a National Health Service Careers Fair, attended by over 700 people in Crawley, UK, last month.

Alina Davodova, UK ENIC Senior Information Officer (Refugee Services), and Tom Proffitt, Information Officer, spoke with some 300 attendees, explaining how we can support them with recognition of their qualifications, and providing advice to those with missing or partial documentation.

The event was organised by the NHS, in partnership with the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and Indeed, attracting people from many different countries. READ MORE



Booking is now open for face-to-face training sessions taking place towards the end of May:

 Combating education fraud, Tuesday 28 May (afternoon).

This half-day course is designed to meet the needs of those processing international applications for work or study or those in credential evaluation roles.

> Introduction to international admissions, Wednesday 29 May (full day)

This is a newly-designed training day for those who are at the start of their career in international admissions, providing a concentrated and thorough introduction to the education system and qualifications of key countries and some of the challenges associated with typical qualifications, to support understanding of best practice in international student admissions. READ MORE

36 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 22 database updates



As part of our ongoing database development work, during recent months UK ENIC has reviewed 36 qualifications, from: Bahrain, Belarus, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Czechia, Georgia, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Latvia, Liberia, Malawi, Norway, Romania, Serbia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United States of America, Vietnam and Zambia. [Login required for these links.]

The review has resulted in 22 updates to our databases. Members can find out more about these updates by viewing the latest table of qualification level changes. [Login required for this link.] READ MORE

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