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Over 150 attend the ENIC NORTH 2023 conference in Glasgow



Over 150 people, from more than 55 institutions and organisations, attended the successful ENIC NORTH 2023 face-to-face conference in Glasgow, Scotland, on 15 May.

Rachel Sandison, Deputy Vice-Chancellor External Engagement at University of Glasgow opened the event with the keynote address, *The Future of Higher Education*.

Other highlights of a stimulating day included a session focusing on 'what students really want' involving UKCISA student ambassadors, as well as speakers and panellists including: Rory McDiarmid, Head of the Recruitment and International Office, University of Strathclyde; Ivar Moller, Deputy Director of Admissions, University of St Andrews; and Emma Gilmartin, Head of Social Media & Student Communications, University of Glasgow.

Our conference partners were [Password English Language Testing](#).

ENIC NORTH was presented in association with [AECC Global](#), [Cambridge University Press & Assessment](#), and [ApplyBoard](#).

The event was supported by [UniQuest](#), [Skills for English](#), [Enroly](#), [Gecko](#), [Dialexy](#), [OMPT](#), [LanguageCert](#) and [Qualification Check](#). [READ MORE](#)

Strengthening links with Uzbekistan: UK ENIC meeting with Ambassador

Education World Forum in London: TNE session chaired by UK ENIC



As part of this month's Education World Forum in London, a session focusing on the opportunities and recognition challenges of transnational education (TNE) was chaired by UK ENIC's Head of Stakeholder Engagement and International Quality Reviews, Fabrizio Trifiro.

The session included contributions from:

- Alexis Brown, British Council, who reported on recent studies on TNE and its impact on host locations
- Joana Westphal, Universities UK International, who gave an overview of the UK TNE landscape, and
- Sarah Chidgey, Department for Business & Trade, on the department's role in implementing the International Education Strategy.

Fabrizio Trifiro said: 'TNE can play a part in meeting the increasing demand we've seen in recent years for international education "closer to home", and can help the international education community widen access to quality education and support lifelong learning. [READ MORE](#)

Membership and training discussions during UK ENIC visit to Canada



As part of our work to further develop engagement with Uzbekistan, Peter Wood, UK ENIC Head of Operations, met with the Ambassador for Uzbekistan, His Excellency Said Rustamov *[pictured above, left]*.

Discussions included developing our in-country links to ensure all latest changes in Uzbekistan education are reflected in our international comparisons database, and exploring how UK ENIC can support the ministry and in-country awarding organisations to improve the international recognition of Uzbek qualifications.

Peter Wood said: 'The Ambassador is keen to welcome investment in education, building on successes including the branch campus of the University of Westminster.'

'Uzbekistan has the highest population density in Central Asia and the population is growing by around one million per year. Increasing the relatively low HE enrolment rate is high amongst domestic priorities, with internationalisation of the HE sector viewed as one way to achieve this.' [READ MORE](#)

Extra support for confirmation and clearing



With the confirmation and clearing period approaching, we can offer extra support to institutions to help you with quick decision-making, in the period between mid-June and October, at times that best suit you.

Our expert staff can assist you in handling high volumes of queries and applications during this hectic period in the academic cycle, helping you ensure quality and efficiency. Support can also be provided to members of university staff who are new to the process, with a range of training resources available.

Contact your account manager for more information, or email jasmine.bryan@ecctis.com. [READ MORE](#)



As part of UK ENIC's ongoing engagement in Canada, Philip Cernik, Head of Business Development, recently visited Toronto, Halifax, Ottawa and Vancouver, meeting with 20 universities, professional bodies, governmental bodies and other institutions to discuss a wide range of topics.

Membership and training were of particular interest to institutions, and we expect to return in September to follow up on discussions, and to deliver further training to both members and non-members. [READ MORE](#)

Managing applications from refugees: roundtable event, London, 27 June

UK ENIC invites you to a roundtable discussion to discuss managing applications from refugees, and to share experiences of supporting refugees into study or employment.

Our team will share preliminary information from the Council of Europe-funded 'TRASE UK' project, including results from initial surveys to individual refugee applicants, and to organisations about their experiences of using the UK ENIC Statement of Comparability.

The free event will be held on Tuesday 27 June in central London. Places are limited. To secure yours, please [register to attend](#). For more details about the event or the project, contact the team at e4@ecctis.com. [READ MORE](#)

Don't forget to book for UKENIC23 annual conference: 4+5 December



Don't forget to secure your place for our two-day UKENIC23 conference, which will take place on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December 2023, once again at London's QEII Centre, Westminster. This

Please give your feedback in our member survey: coming soon



We would like to ask members to please look out for the annual UK ENIC member survey, which will be emailed in June.

The annual survey of members provides a snapshot about how our members feel about the services that UK ENIC provides. We would therefore be grateful for your participation and feedback so we can continue to develop and improve our services to meet evolving needs. [READ MORE](#)

marks a return, post-COVID, to our 'traditional' two-day annual conference format.

To pre-register and guarantee your place, please email conference@enic.org.uk. [READ MORE](#)

High customer satisfaction continues on individual statement services



We know that some members find it useful to have information relating to our individual statement services, particularly if they are advising people about applying for statements.

Our latest NetPromoter score, as part of our managed customer satisfaction programme, shows that in the first quarter of 2023, 94% of our individual applicants were satisfied or very satisfied with the level of evaluation or assessment they received. [READ MORE](#)

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