

## Successful Naric North paves way for further 'Nations and Regions' events

Over 160 attended the first UK NARIC conference in Scotland, *Naric North*, at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow on 21 May. The event was presented in association with [Europass](#) and the conference exhibition featured [Pearson PTE Academic](#), [IELTS](#), [ETS TOEFL](#), [Cambridge Assessment English](#), and Edinburgh-based experts in communication, marketing and visit experience platforms, [Gecko Engage](#).

Speakers included Professor Phil Harris, Executive Director of the [University of Chester Business Research Institute](#) and the University's Westminster Chair of Marketing and Public Affairs, who gave the benefit of his experience in developing partnerships and recruitment worldwide, and who has developed Chester's profile especially in China. [READ MORE](#)



## NCUK International Foundation Year benchmarked to UK, Hong Kong, US, and Australian frameworks

UK NARIC have independently evaluated the [NCUK International Foundation Year \(IFY\)](#) and found it comparable to:

- GCE A Level standard, UK
- Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) standard, Hong Kong
- Advanced Placement standard, US
- Senior Secondary School Certificate of Education standard, Australia

*(When a minimum of grade D is achieved for all IFY modules and at least 72 points for the subjects have been achieved.)*

[Northern Consortium UK Ltd \(NCUK\)](#) is an awarding body which delivers a range of qualifications that



## Main theme announced for UKNARIC19: 4/5 November

The main theme for the 23rd UK NARIC annual conference can be announced. UKNARIC19 will be held on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 November 2019 at the [QEII Centre](#) [pictured above] in Westminster, London.

The 2019 main, overarching theme will be: **'Vision. Values. Impact.'**

The international backdrop in which we all operate continues to be uncertain. Brexit remains unresolved and without clear end dates, and there is increasing friction in relations between the West and China, which puts a premium on planning for diversification. The new UK international education strategy is pushing for growth, yet the UK overall sends mixed signals to the outside world. [READ MORE](#)



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## QCAS: new UK NARIC qualification verification service launched

A new UK NARIC qualification verification service has been launched in association with [Qualification Check](#) – the [Qualification Checked At Source \(QCAS\)](#) service.

QCAS, officially launched at our recent *Naric North* event, has been developed in response to the growing problem of education fraud and fake

prepare international students for higher education.  
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## Opportunity for UK HEIs to test new admissions tool

As part of the Allocating Credits to EU Professional Training Programmes (ACEPT) project, UK NARIC is seeking a number of UK higher education institutions to test the usability of a recognition tool this autumn. This tool could be used by admissions officers to facilitate the recognition of professional training programmes.

If you are from a UK university or HEI and would be interested in participating in the testing, please email [e4@naric.org.uk](mailto:e4@naric.org.uk).

The latest progress meeting for the ACEPT project was held in Malta on 14 May, hosted by the Maltese NARIC together with representatives from the ENIC-NARICs in the UK, the Netherlands, Latvia and Croatia. [READ MORE](#)



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## LIREQA project holds final conference in Lithuania

The LIREQA project held its final conference in Vilnius, Lithuania on 22 May [pictured above]. UK NARIC attended the event, hosted by the Lithuanian ENIC-NARIC (SKVC).

The conference focused on linkages between academic recognition and quality assurance and was geared to those working within QA agencies, ENIC/NARIC centres, and HEIs.

The [Linking Academic Recognition and Quality Assurance \(LIREQA\)](#) project findings showed that a lack of communication and information about recognition can be a barrier for students, and that quality assuring the recognition procedures carried out by HEIs can improve consistency and fairness. [READ MORE](#)



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## ABECS project to develop test digital Open Badges

In April, Zara Green of the Centre for Professional Qualifications, and Lambros Pardale, [Europass](#) Coordinator for the UK, attended the second European project meeting of ABECS (Aligning Badges, ESCO and the Certificate Supplement) in The Hague [pictured left]. The meeting included project partners [READ MORE](#)

documents. UK NARIC has worked with Qualification Check, a UK-based company, to co-develop a streamlined and cost-effective service for UK NARIC members, educational institutions, professional bodies and employers [READ MORE](#)

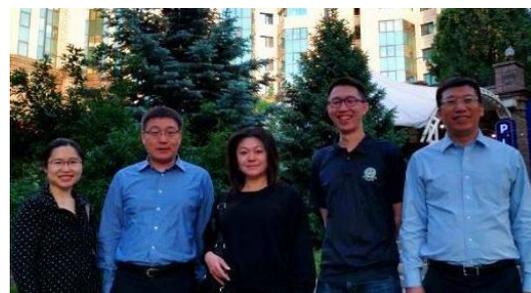
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## Admissions Level 1 and 2 training: Leeds, 4/5 June

The next of our popular Admissions Officer training days will be at [Leeds Trinity University](#). The [Admissions Level 1](#) day is on 4 June and the [Admissions Level 2](#) day is on 5 June.

There are still places available on half-day training workshops coming up in June.

In [Glasgow](#), [Education in India, Pakistan & Bangladesh](#) and [Education in English Speaking Africa](#), are on 11 June; [Evaluating International Qualifications and Degrees of Deception – Combating Education Fraud](#), on 12 June. [READ MORE](#)



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## UK NARIC CEO speaks at UNESCO leadership forum in Kazakhstan

UK NARIC CEO, Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, spoke at the [UNESCO Leadership Forum for Quality Higher Education](#) in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 24 May.

[Pictured above from left: Ms Zhou Zhong - AAU, Association of Asian Universities; Mr Wang Libing - Chief, UNESCO Bangkok Bureau; Dr Cloud Bai-Yun; Mr Wan Changda - National Higher Education Research Institute, Malaysia; Mr Kan Yue - Director of UNESCO APEID Centre.]

Cloud took part in the panel discussion: *Skills and Qualifications Recognition in Europe and Asia-Pacific*. Specifically, the panel examined the ways of deepening the links between national qualifications frameworks, [READ MORE](#)

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## UK NARIC acknowledged in NOKUT's new recognition proposals

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NOKUT, the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education, has acknowledged UK NARIC's assistance in their new publication, [ORION: Proposed adjustments to criteria for the general recognition of foreign higher education](#). NOKUT undertook a study trip to UK NARIC in November 2017 [*pictured left: NOKUT team in Cheltenham*] [READ MORE](#)



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