

SUALL

Scottish Universities Association
for Lifelong Learning

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Report on activities 2009-10

Context

The year has again been a difficult one for a number of members with many institutions subjected to restructuring which has seen a diminishing of the traditional continuing education role. The message is coming out fairly clearly that the emphasis in future will be on employer engagement and skills utilisation.

The relationship established with the Lifelong Learning Directorate continues to be a fruitful one.

Sub Committees

As in the past, the main work of SUALL has been progressed through its sub-committees.

Management and Administration of Lifelong Learning (MAULL)

Convenor: Donald Paterson (Aberdeen) Secretary: Jackie Blake (UWS)

Meeting attendance has been patchy with ILAs again dominating the agenda. A joint meeting with the KILTS and WPHE groups was held in May to look in particular at funding issues.

Widening Participation in HE

Convenor: Jane O'Rorke (UWS) Secretary: Helen Martin (Glasgow Caledonian)

The annual collection of WP statistics has proved problematical. The 07/08 data was not published but efforts are being made to identify contacts who could provide the 08/09 data. The PTIG and WARP are being reviewed by the Funding Council and a new approach is being trialled with UWS and UHI based on distinct outcome agreements.

Research

Convenor: Pete Cannell (OU) Secretary: Ralf St Clair (Glasgow)

This group did not meet this year. Discussions are underway about how to revitalise it.

Knowledge, Information, Learning, Training and Skills (KILTS)

Convenor: Graeme Ligertwood (SAC) Secretary: Daniella Bolle (Stirling)

This group has been very active this year, increasing its membership. It has made a number of contacts with agencies such as the Sector Skills Councils.

Changes in membership

We said farewell to several long term members this year, among them Raymond Thomson, Colin Thorne, Anne McGillivray, Margaret Mill, Fiona Andrews (although we hope to see Fiona back again). Edinburgh Napier decided not to renew their membership but we welcomed GSA.

Financial Statement

<i>income</i>	
Brought forward from 08/09	£2,896
Subscriptions: 16 @ £125	£2,000
Total	£4,896
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Secretary's travel and subsistence to date	£1,898
Estimate for travel June and July	£142
Total	£2,040
<i>Funds remaining</i>	£2,998

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