



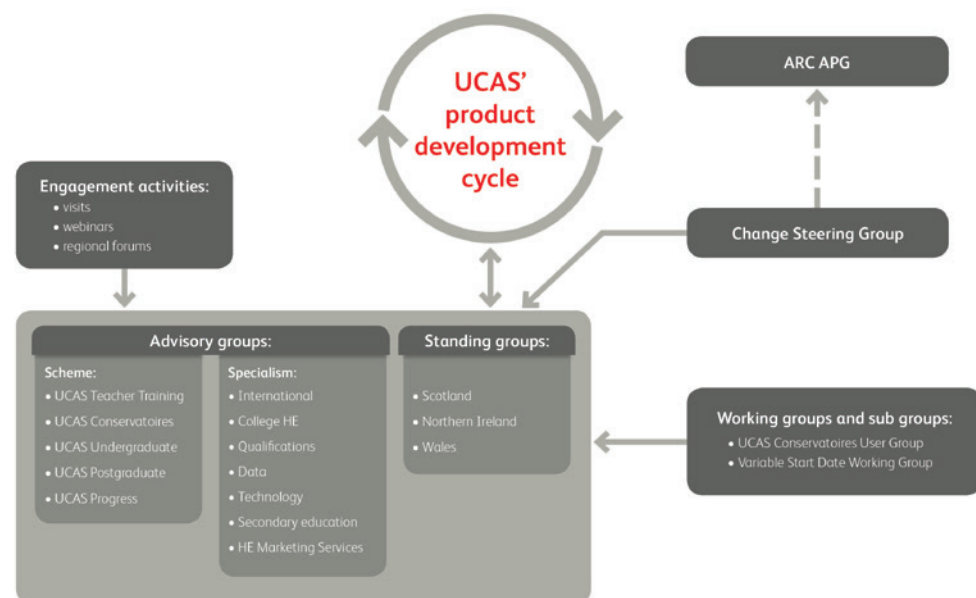
UCAS' groups and forums

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Informing the development of UCAS' products and core services

UCAS' groups and forums support the smooth running of our core services, and help with the planning and implementation of changes to enhance services, or to comply with legal or regulatory developments.

This shows how our engagement activities are used to inform the development of our products and services.



Advisory groups

Our network of advisory groups provides a robust and representative voice to members of our schemes, allowing them to work collaboratively with UCAS to challenge consultation with the sector, and to advise and make recommendations to UCAS on proposed changes to products and services.

Scheme advisory groups

Undergraduate Advisory Group

Chair: Lynsey Hopkins (University of Sheffield), l.hopkins@sheffield.ac.uk

Next meeting: 7 June 2017

Postgraduate Advisory Group

Chair: Michelle Magee (University of Westminster), m.magee@westminster.ac.uk

Next meeting: 21 June 2017

UCAS Teacher Training Advisory Group

Chair: Lisa Bowen (Cardiff Metropolitan University), lbowen@cardiffmet.ac.uk

Next meeting: 5 July 2017

Conservatoires Advisory Group

Chair: Gerry Godley (Leeds College of Music), g.godley@lcm.ac.uk

Next meeting: 5 June 2017

97% of advisory group members agree the meetings focus on key issues in the sector.

Specialist advisory groups

Our specialist advisory groups work with UCAS to address our developments and their impact on particular elements of higher education.

College HE Advisory Group

Chair: Paul Featonby (Hartpur University Centre), paul.featonby@hartpur.ac.uk

Next meeting: 22 June 2017

Data Group

Chair: Daniel Farrell (University of St Andrews), df19@st-andrews.ac.uk

Next meeting: 19 June 2017

HE Marketing Services Advisory Group

Chair: Emma Leech (Loughborough University), e.j.leech@lboro.ac.uk

Next meeting: 26 September 2017

International Advisory Group

Chair: Vincenzo Raimo (University of Reading), v.raimo@reading.ac.uk

Next meeting: 6 June 2017

Qualifications Advisory Group

Chair: Ian Sutherland (University of Edinburgh), ian.sutherland@ed.ac.uk

Next meeting: 10 October 2017

Technology Group

Chair: Peter Service (Newcastle University), peter.service@newcastle.ac.uk

Next meeting: 20 June 2017

Secondary Education Advisory Group

Chairs: Beth Linklater (Queen Mary's College)

Steve McCardle (Durham Johnston Comprehensive School)

Guy Nobes (Marlborough College)

Nick Spring (Felsted School)

Next meeting: 8 June 2017

Our advisory groups said...

Members of our Secondary Education Advisory Group identified an issue where advisers were unaware of which results were available to providers via ABL.

Members of our Undergraduate Advisory Group identified the potential for providers to miss making updates in the collection tool for courses where changes had been made to Course Collect following the data migration.

Members of our College HE Advisory Group have fed back that some UCAS Media products are prohibitively expensive for the likely yield given their local recruitment.

Members of our HE Marketing Services Advisory Group felt that marketing colleagues did not have the opportunity to attend regional networking events.

We did...

We have created and publicised a web page for advisers with information about ABL and exam re-marks.

We have published a series of reports on MOVEit which identify all changes made in Course Collect.

UCAS Media has reviewed the pricing structure for their products in light of this feedback.

We have developed a series of regional masterclass events, running in April and May 2017.

94% of advisory group members share the minutes and outcomes of the meetings with colleagues in the sector, and seek feedback and input.

Standing groups and regional forums

Our network of standing groups (in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland) and regional forums provide our customers with an opportunity to discuss and debate the latest developments in the sector with colleagues in your area. Regional forums will be taking place in May and June.

For more information, contact your relationship manager.



Providers that currently utilise our groups and forums say...

“It looks like the UCAS working groups will have a noticeable impact on UCAS' products and services.”

“I get an opportunity to get a feel for the challenges experienced by other providers and share good practice.”

“A rare opportunity to come together with a range of stakeholders from across the sector to discuss current and future issues, to develop understanding across sectors, UCAS, and government agencies, and to influence policy and behaviour.”

If you would like to learn more about UCAS' groups and forums, and to find out how you can get involved, visit www.ucas.com/providers/groups-and-forums.

