

Group Development Annual Report 2023

This has been a busy year for the 9 HELOA Groups, with a lot of change and some very exciting developments to report.

Firstly, massive thanks to Amanda Kenningley for all her work during her time as Vice-Chair (Group Development), through to January 2023. I'd especially like to thank Amanda for all her advice and support when I ran for this position and during our handover.

This year has seen groups using the full range of meeting and training options to meet members' needs. With in-person, online and fully hybridised meetings being used to great advantage. This is particularly advantageous where travel times can be very long and allow for increased engagement from members.

There has been a great deal of best practice sharing between groups this year. Projects such as the group level open day posters for schools have proven very successful.

The Mentoring Scheme continues to run well in several groups, and where it is not currently running there has been a lot of work to assess potential and gauge interest.

The Scotland Group hosted their biennial conference, which was attended by 70 members with great feedback.

We have also seen the launch of the first group level partnership agreements in Wales and Scotland. This is a great milestone and has allowed those groups to explore and build meaningful and rewarding working relationships with key stakeholders. Huge thanks to the Partnerships Team for their support and guidance in getting these launched. The Scotland Group also delivered their inaugural partner event with Skills Development Scotland which all member Institutions presented at and had 90 attendees online. The Partnership Team led UCAS Events and Product Development Roles have continued to work very closely with group committees, ensuring that the views of members are heard by this crucial partner.

Over the past year the Group Chairs and I have been doing a lot of work reviewing the group committee structures, and assessing if the current structures still meet the needs of the groups whilst providing enriching and rewarding opportunities for volunteers.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Group Committee Members for their hard work over the past year, and to especially thank the Group Chairs for all the support they have given me this year.

Andrew Jackson

UK Vice-Chair (Group Development)

November 2023

GROUP COMMITTEES

ANGLIA

Anglia Group Chair	Stephanie Jong	University of East Anglia
VC (Membership & Communication)	Clive Sheridan	Anglia Ruskin University
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Lydia Newton	University of East Anglia
UCAS Events Working Group	Leon Harris	Hertfordshire University
UCAS Product Development Group	Vacant	
VC (Membership & Communication) (Jun 20 - Jul 23)	Annabel Osborn	University of Suffolk

LONDON

London Group Chair	Ashleigh Hope	Guildhall School of Music & Drama
VC (Membership & Communication)	Rachel Stanley	St Mary's University
VC (Training & Partnerships)	George Green	Imperial College London
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Vacant	
UCAS Events Working Group	Kat Knight	City, University of London
UCAS Product Development Group	Rhys James	LSBU
VC (Membership & Communication) (Mar 20 - Apr 23)	Nick Chambers	City, University of London
VC (Training & Partnerships) (Apr 23 - Oct 23)	Shahmir Akram	University of Westminster
VC (Training & Partnerships) (Dec 20 - Apr 23)	Charlotte Maltby	Kingston University

MIDLANDS

Midlands Group Chair	Becci Williams	Nottingham Trent University
VC (Membership & Communication)	Isobelle Greenhill	University of Leicester
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Lewis Clarke	University of Lincoln
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Danny North	Coventry University
UCAS Events Working Group	Carl Griffiths	Harper Adams University
UCAS Product Development Group	Rici Krieger	Nottingham Trent University
Midlands Group Chair (Feb 22 - Jan 23)	Emily Day	Lancaster University
Midlands Group Chair (Jan 23 - Sep 23)	Steven Joesbury	University of Leicester
VC (Training & Partnerships) (Dec 22 - Oct 23)	Becci Williams	Nottingham Trent University
UCAS Events Working Group (May 21 - May 23)	Sarah Booth	University of Warwick
UCAS Product Development (May 21 - May 23)	Andy Long	Keele University

NORTH EAST, YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

North East Group Chair	Peggy Cooke	University of Huddersfield
VC (Membership & Communication)	Teah Renton	Leeds Trinity University
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Marica Shelbourne	University of Huddersfield
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Kelsey Blemings	Northumbria University
UCAS Events Working Group	David Metcalfe	Newcastle University
UCAS Product Development Group	Natasha Berry	University of Huddersfield
North East Group Chair (Aug 20 - Apr 23)	Jennifer Barton	Durham University
VC (Membership & Communication) (Jan 22 - Jun 23)	Peggy Cooke	University of Huddersfield
UCAS Events Working Group (Aug 19 - Jun 23)	Lucy Rice	Leeds Trinity University

NORTH WEST AND NORTHERN IRELAND

North West & NI Group Chair	Ellie Lloyd Davies	Manchester Metropolitan University
VC (Membership & Communication)	Niamh Gallagher	Edge Hill University
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Emma Deeks	University of Central Lancashire
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Alex Whitham	Manchester Metropolitan University
UCAS Events Working Group	Natalie Johnston	University of Salford
UCAS Product Development Group	Steph Rimmer	Edge Hill University
North West & NI Group Chair (Nov 19 - Jan 23)	Chris Mullen	Edge Hill University
UCAS Events Working Group (Nov 22 - Mar 23)	Carl Griffiths	Lancaster University

SCOTLAND

Scotland Group Chair	Calum Fraser	University of Dundee
VC (Membership & Communication)	Matthew Crichton	University of Dundee
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Amy Shimmin	University of Stirling
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Keir Robinson	The University of Edinburgh
UCAS Events Working Group	Mari Higginbotham	Heriot-Watt University
UCAS Product Development Group	Vicky Bannerman	Strathclyde University
UCAS Events Working Group (May 19 - Jun 23)	Helena Ziegler	University of Aberdeen

SOUTH EAST

South East Group Chair	Steph Coogans	University of Chichester
VC (Membership & Communication)	Chris Rogers	University of Chichester
VC (Training & Partnerships) (Jul 23 - present)	Raechelle Jackson	University of Portsmouth
UCAS Events Working Group	Louise Meredith	University of Portsmouth
UCAS Product Development Group	Edit Liebhardt	University of Reading

VC (Training & Partnerships) (Sep 22 - Jun 23)	Mel Lawrance	University of Brighton
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SOUTH WEST

South West Group Chair	Charlie Smith	University of Bath
VC (Membership & Communication)	Lowri Jamieson	University of Bristol
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Sarah Almond	University of Bristol
UCAS Events Working Group	Andrew Wallis	Falmouth University
UCAS Product Development Group	Liam Dowson	Royal Agricultural University
UCAS Events Working Group (May 20 - Jun 23)	Jasminne Gwalter	

WALES

Wales Group Chair	Llinos Williams	Bangor University
VC (Membership & Communication)	Ben Kibble-Smith	Wrexham University
VC (Training & Partnerships)	Vacant	
UCAS Events Working Group	Elizabeth Morley	Wrexham University
UCAS Product Development Group	Chris Edwards	University of South Wales
Wales Group Chair (Jan 21 - Apr 23)	Andy Jackson	University of South Wales
VC (Membership & Communication) (Feb 21 - May 23)	Lily Weardon	Aberystwyth University
VC (Training & Partnerships) (Aug 21 - May 23)	Katie Gamston	Cardiff Metropolitan University
UCAS Events Working Group (Aug 19 - Jun 23)	Llinos Williams	Bangor University

Committees correct as of 17th November 2023