

University and Sector Updates

Collaborative Partnership Conference

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University Updates

- Bicentenary
- League Tables
- International Developments
- Agenda for 2022

Sector Updates

- Policy Context
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Bicentenary 1822-2022

- 1822 – Establishment of St David's College, Lampeter
- Marking the birthplace of higher education in Wales
- A year-long celebration of UWTSO and its founding institutions
- Opportunity to celebrate our past achievements and role in the wellbeing and prosperity of Wales
- Opportunities to outline future aspirations

Recent League Table Success

- Guardian League Table 2022
- Complete University Guide
- The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide



International Developments

- Appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)
- Establishment of Wales Global Academy
- Participation in Quality Evaluation and Enhancement of UK TNE Scheme
- Participation in Turing Scheme (UK) and International Learning and Exchange Programme (Wales)

Current and Future Agenda

- Quality Enhancement Review
- REF 2021 results
- Launch of a new international strategy
- Equality and Diversity

Policy Context - Wales

- New Welsh Administration
- Lifelong learning and Skills
- Well-being of Future Generations
- Draft Tertiary Education and Research Bill

Policy Context - UK

- Higher Education, Tuition Fees, and Subject LEOs
- Quality and Standards in Higher Education
- Financial sustainability of institutions
- Equality of opportunity

Quality Context

- Significant work on the QA of digital learning
- New TNE Review framework, alongside a kitemark scheme
- Academic Integrity Charter
- Essay Mills legislation

COVID Context

- A higher education experience reimagined?
- New approaches to learning and teaching
- Impact on internships and placements – reclaiming lost experiences
- Digital poverty and accessibility to higher education

Horizon Scanning

- Climate action
- Civic Mission
- HEIs as a catalyst for local and regional development
- Health and Wellbeing
- Equality and Diversity