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There's still time to book for UKENIC24



UKENIC24 is a matter of weeks away but there's still time to secure your place for our two-day annual conference in central London on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 November.

This year's theme is 'Insights for Internationalisation' and features a packed programme of plenaries, panels, presentations and networking.

Highlights include a day one morning plenary by BBC News presenter Sally Bundock, who'll discuss how geopolitical events are impacting international education.

Professor John Dishman (Coventry University) heads up a distinguished panel to kickstart day two, alongside AOC, UKCISA, HE and FE.

There's a diverse variety of themes throughout the conference including sustainability, talent trends and the power of AI, as well as the more familiar challenges and opportunities presented by international markets, TNE and education fraud.

UKENIC24 will be presented in partnership with [LanguageCert](#). It will be presented in association with TOEFL and IELTS.

The event will be supported by [Oxford International Digital Institute](#), [Pearson PTE](#), [Kaplan Test of English](#), [Qualification Check](#), [Enroly](#), [OxfordAQA & Oxford Test of English](#), [Translyte](#), [Gecko](#), [OMPT](#), [Cambridge University Press & Assessment](#), [ProspectsHedd](#), [Password](#), [Duolingo](#) and [Trinity College London](#).

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'Invaluable information' highlighted by members in UK ENIC survey

Judging underway for Ecctis Awards



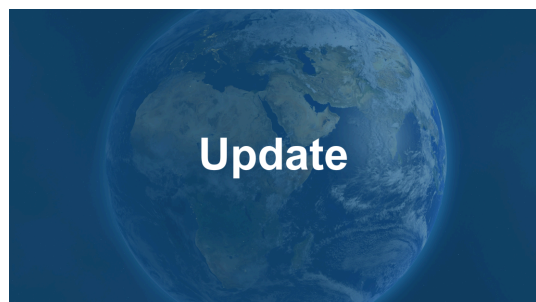
Judging has started for the inaugural Ecctis Awards, which will celebrate best practice in admissions functions across the UK and internationally.

Six awards will be presented during the ceremony after day one of the UKENIC24 conference on Tuesday 26 November.

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An update on education in Gaza and Lebanon



The conflict in Gaza and Lebanon has caused significant disruption to education across the region.

UK ENIC experts working in our Information Development team have been monitoring changes and developments across the region.

In Gaza, schools have been closed since October 2023. All universities in Gaza were reported to have been destroyed by January this year ([Scholars At Risk – Jan 2024](#)).

Schooling across Lebanon, particularly in Beirut and the south of the country, has been suspended



Members have highlighted the 'invaluable information' available through UK ENIC membership.

The positive feedback was received as part of the annual member survey, which ran for 7 weeks over the summer.

More than three quarters of survey respondents said they are education providers and responses showed an overall Net Promoter Score (NPS) for UK ENIC services of 51, UK ENIC online databases received 55 and the Member Enquiry Service scored 57. Scores over 50+ are regarded as 'excellent'.

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UK ENIC at ARAQUA project conference



Earlier in October, Research Engagement Manager Ellisa Marques attended the final conference for the ARAQUA project that UK ENIC has been participating in.

The Automatic Recognition of HE Access Qualifications (ARAQUA) project was funded by the European Union, with the aim of facilitating greater higher education mobility amongst participating countries and beyond.

The project involved ENIC-NARIC centres from Denmark, Estonia, Italy, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and the UK.

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41 qualifications reviewed, resulting in 16 database updates

As part of our ongoing database development work, during the last couple of months UK ENIC has reviewed another 41 qualifications from: Afghanistan, Burundi, Eritrea, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan,

(Lebanese National News Agency – Sept 2024). The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has closed universities across the country, with exceptions for some faculties (University World News – Oct 2024).

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Reflections on UUKi's TNE conference in London



The stage was set for discussions around transnational education practice and strategy at the recent TNE conference in London, organised by Universities UK International (UUKi).

Representatives from British Council, Department for Education, Office for Students, and the Department for Business and Trade were among those speaking at the two-day event, held at the University of London on 8 and 9 October.

Prominent names from universities, organisations and governments around the globe were also among the experts heading up sessions.

Chris Lyons, UK ENIC Head of External Engagement, also attended to join in with conversations and to share learning among sector colleagues.

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Booking still open for November face-to-face training opportunities



There's still time to book on to face-to-face training opportunities taking place in early November:

- **Evaluating international qualifications**, Tuesday 5 November (9.30am to 12.30pm, GMT)
- **Spotlight on Nigeria and Ghana**, Tuesday 5 November (1.30pm to 4.30pm, GMT)

Lithuania, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Poland, Spain,
South Africa, United States of America, Yemen,
Zambia and Zimbabwe [login required for these links].

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Both training sessions are taking place at The
Wellington by Blue Orchid Hotels, near Victoria
Station, London.

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