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### 300+ delegates attended UKENIC24: 'Insights for Internationalisation'



Delegates from the UK and beyond attended our twoday UKENIC24 conference at The Mermaid in central London last week (26 to 27 November).

This year's theme was 'Insights for Internationalisation' – a continuation of a conversation started at ENIC NORTH in Glasgow earlier this year - and featured a packed programme of plenaries, panels, presentations and networking.

Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement at UK ENIC and conference programme lead, said: 'We listened to our members, and thanks to support from our Conference Advisory Panel – made up of industry leaders, policy makers and other experts from across the sector – developed our most ambitious programme to date.

'It included a wide breadth of content, high calibre of expert speakers from across the sector and within UK ENIC, and a diverse range of themes discussed.'

Fraud, TNE, market trends, branding and identity, the student journey, employability, sustainability and the future potential of EdTech and AI were among the topics discussed, many of which overlapped and threaded through discussions.

Amongst the many highlights was a day one morning plenary by BBC News presenter Sally Bundock, who discussed geopolitical events and the knock-on effects these are having on international education.

Day two started with a question time panel looking into the challenges and opportunities across the education sector, bringing in our main theme, chaired by Tracy Ferrier and featuring contributions from Professor John Dishman (Coventry University Group), Heather Knight (UKCISA) and Emma Meredith (AoC).

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# Highlights from the inaugural Ecctis Awards in London



The inaugural Ecctis Awards ceremony took place in London last week (26 November).

The event was part of the Gala Dinner at the end of day one of UKENIC24 and celebrated best practice in admissions across the UK and internationally.

Around 100 guests - including from as far afield as Singapore - attended the night, which included a three-course meal and entertainment from BAFTA award-winning magician Fergus Flanagan.

There were six categories, with awards handed out on the night by sponsors. Runners-up and highly commended organisations were also recognised. All organisations that were highlighted on the night will receive a digital badge to use on their marketing materials.

And the results of the awards are...

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#### Reflections on TAICEP 2024 conference



The TAICEP 2024 annual conference took place in Quebec, Canada, from 28 to 31 October.

# UK ENIC attends Deep Dialogues event in Manchester



UK ENIC was among delegates at the British Council's Deep Dialogues event in Manchester from 12 to 14 November.

Held at the University of Salford, the three-day gathering focused on Transnational Education: A deeper insight into TNE regulatory and policy environments.

More than 100 people from organisations including UUKi, QAA and British Council offices from around the world were in attendance.

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### Festive period: end-of-year service closing dates

We wanted to let members know that our offices will be closed for the upcoming holiday period from Tuesday 24th December 2024, reopening at 9am on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

For member enquiries, the deadline for a 5-day turnaround is Monday 16th December and for a 48-hour turnaround, it's Thursday 19th December.

Any queries submitted after these dates will not be answered until the office re-opens in the New Year.

Our phone lines and live chat services for members will close at 5pm on Friday 20th December, reopening with all of our services on Thursday 2nd January.

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Titled 'Fairness & Equity in Credential Assessments', the four-day event was an opportunity for credential evaluators around the world to come together to learn, share knowledge, network and promote the interests of our unique industry.

Head of External Engagement Chris Lyons attended on behalf of UK ENIC and shared his reflections across the event.

'The conference opened with a keynote address by Andre Gariepy, the Commissioner for Admission to Professions in Quebec,' Chris said.

'His speech explored the outcome and impact of fairness and equity on people's lives and what it reveals about the processes and methods we work in. Speaking from his own experiences, he talked about how, as evaluators, we can help overcome the barriers to access that often arise.'

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As a reminder, here are the main UK ENIC and Ecctis social media channels which offer followers useful updates: UK ENIC X (Twitter), Ecctis X (Twitter), Ecctis LinkedIn, UK ENIC Facebook, Ecctis Facebook.

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