

**For Information**

**Purpose**

A brief summary of current issues and activities affecting the EAUC's Scotland Branch.

***EAUC-Scotland Branch Developments***

The most recent meeting of the EAUC-Scotland Branch, due to take place in mid-May, was postponed to allow for member input to a review of Branch activity.

At its next meeting, which will now be held virtually in late June / July, this issue will be discussed alongside detail of the preparation for the EAUC-Scotland Conference, the EAUC-Scotland AGM, and routine business such as project updates.

- ***Review of Branch Structures***

The Branch is keen to encourage participation from new faces but also to ensure that experienced members who want to remain involved can do so. To that end, and prior to our next meeting, Branch members have been asked to consider a series of questions relating to the operation/purpose of the Branch. We have invited thoughts on issues that include: how and when the Branch meets, who and how many people should attend, whether more or all meetings should be 'open', what is discussed and in what level of detail. We intend to discuss this at the next Branch meeting before taking a proposal to the Scotland AGM in the autumn.

- ***EAUC-Scotland Branch AGM & UCCCfS Conference***

The Scotland Branch AGM is scheduled for Monday 31st October in Perth prior to the UCCCfS Conference at the Perth Concert Hall on the 1st November. Full details will be circulated to the Board in due course.

***UCCCfS Workshops – Edinburgh and Belfast***

Following the EAUC Conference in York, colleagues from EAUC-Scotland were joined by Leanne Denby (President, ACTS) and Jimmy Brannigan (ESD Consulting) for two UCCCfS workshops on behaviour change. These were held on Thursday 14 April 2011 (Edinburgh) and Friday 15 April 2011 (Belfast).

The Belfast workshop was hosted as part of the Branch's development of a relationship with institutions in Northern Ireland. A lively debate was enjoyed by colleagues from both of the NI Universities and 4 of the 6 regional colleges. At both events Jimmy Brannigan took the opportunity to share early thoughts on possible changes to the "Universities that Count" scheme. These were well received as was the evident transferability of the model to a range of sizes and types of institution (including to Colleges).

***Climate Challenge Fund – Possible Collaborative Activity***

Thanks go to David Somervell who recently participated in a meeting between key stakeholders to investigate how the Scottish Government's 'Climate Challenge Fund' framework can be adapted to assist unsuccessful bidders for 2011/12 funding, in particular how the CCF Office can assist and facilitate climate change related student engagement activities in the FHE sector. Although the possible role for the EAUC-Scotland in this remains unclear, there seems to be clear potential for linkage with the UCCCfS programme. We intend to remain involved and to support and influence this initiative as it develops.

***Scotland Projects***

Full detail of Scottish and UK projects will be included in a separate report.

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