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## Update - May 2016

### QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) GUIDELINES:

#### [QQI publishes new QA Guidelines](#)

After a comprehensive system-wide consultation process, the following QA Guidelines have been published: **Core Statutory QA Guidelines** and **Sector Specific QA Guidelines for Independent/Private Providers**. The guidelines are supported by the Policy on QA Guidelines and the [Consultation Feedback Report](#) on QA Guidelines, all of which can be found [here](#).

The original feedback responses, where the contributors have given permission for QQI to publish, are also available [here](#).

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT:

#### [Launch of National Student Engagement Programme](#)

“Student engagement in quality assurance is a fundamental cornerstone of the Irish higher education system” said Dr Padraig Walsh, CEO, QQI at the launch of the National Student Engagement Programme on April 26.

The National Student Engagement Programme is commencing immediately with a pilot project. The participants in the pilot were selected following a Call for Proposals issued by the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), QQI and the Higher Education Authority (HEA). The aim of the pilot is to develop tools and resources that can be more widely applied to improve student engagement practices.

Click [here](#) to find out more about this initiative.

### FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING SELF-EVALUATION SEMINAR:

#### [QQI and ETBI jointly host seminar on self-evaluation and reflective](#)

## [practice](#)

QQI, in association with ETBI, hosted an enhancement seminar for the Education and Training Boards on Wednesday 6 April 2016 at Farmleigh, Dublin. National and international speakers presented on the approaches and models of self-evaluation and reflective practice and provided examples and experiences from Ireland and overseas.

The purpose of the event was to explore the benefits of self-evaluation and reflective practice from strategic and operational perspectives.

The event programme and copies of the presentations are available [here](#).

## **SAVE THE DATE: HIGHER EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR:**

### **QQI to host HE Quality Enhancement Event in December 2016**

The next HE Quality Enhancement Seminar will take place on Thursday 15 December 2016 in Dublin Castle. More details about the event will be circulated closer to the time.

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