

# Learner Engagement at QQI

## **Project Initiation**





## Method





#### Survey

Acquaint ourselves with existing good practices Identify potential gaps Understand challenges



### Working group

Develop a partnership with learners and key stakeholders

Provide guidance on how to proceed

Present insights from the learner perspective

# **Key Findings**





Biggement across the organisation

- The benefits of QQI engaging with learners
- Importance of organisations such as USI and NStEP in connecting QQI with learners

#### Challenges:

- Sourcing learners
- Time commitment
- Continuity of student representatives

#### A more systemic approach

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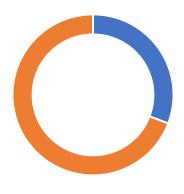




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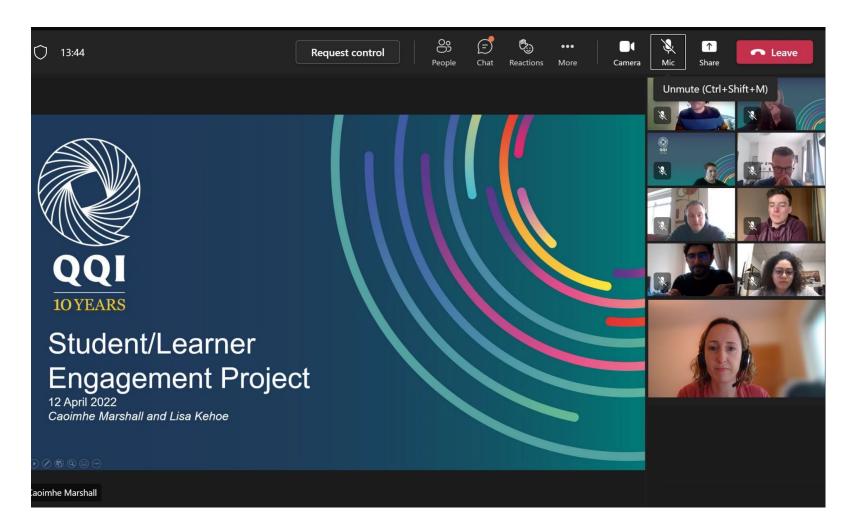


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# Learner Perspective





- Strengthening Student Partnership
  - Collaboration through the engagement process
- Students as co-creators
  - Opening a Dialogue and Building Trust
- Representation
  - Reducing bias and increasing diversity

## Outcomes







Advancement of the conversation

Amplification of best practice

Centralised depository of practices and resources Process for learner engagement

Identification of areas for improvement

## Challenges



Learner interactions V Learner Engagement

# Gathering current practice

Deciding on the best approach

Learner awareness of QQI

Variety of QQIs work

## Next steps



To date, the project is a great success:

- Diverse working group including, HE, ELE, International, Postgrad and FE representatives
- Framework developed for engaging with learners
- Presenting project at EQAF Conference in November
- Presenting finalised report to QQI in November

We scratched the surface, potential for lots more development:

- Implementation of recommendations
- Dissemination of learner engagement report and resources
- Promotion of learner engagement
- Training for QQI staff on learner engagement

