

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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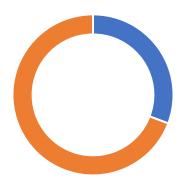




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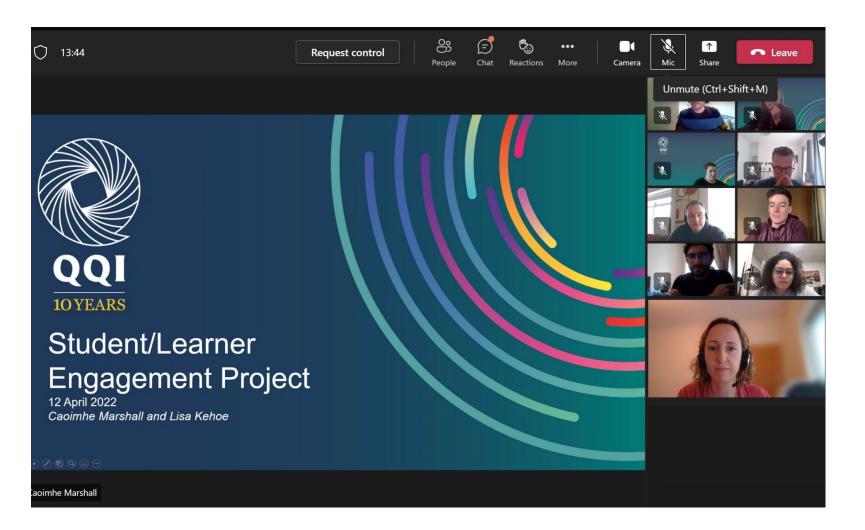


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Learner Perspective





- 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

