NAIN Working Groups 2025-2028

Overview

This document outlines the:

- reconstituted NAIN working groups
- focus of each working group
- objectives that will be addressed by each working group
- key projects or outputs for each working group

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Based on the NAIN Strategy 2025-2028, it is proposed that five working groups will be established:

1. Assessment Integrity and Innovation
2. Learner Engagement and Partnership
3. Implementation and Capacity Building
4. Research & Scholarship
5. Communications, Resource Dissemination and Outreach

	Working Group	Focus	Objectives Addressed	Proposed Projects/Outputs
1	**Assessment Integrity and Innovation**	Advance assessment practices that uphold academic integrity and respond to emerging challenges such as AI and contract cheating.	2.2 Enhance awareness of the use of assessment methods that support academic integrity. 2.3 Identify and highlight emergent threats to academic integrity while maintaining ongoing vigilance of those already known (including but not limited to AI, contract cheating, and manipulation of (audio)visual media) and provide ongoing support and guidance on countering threats. 3.1 Provide guidance, information and support that is of practical assistance to members	1. Development of assessment integrity guidance 2. Horizon scan for emergent threats to academic integrity and communicate to NAIN members
2	**Learner Engagement and Partnership**	Empower learners as active partners in promoting academic integrity and co-creating resources and initiatives.	1.2 Optimise and empower learner engagement to ensure that learners are represented within all NAIN activities. 3.3 Provide opportunities for NAIN members to convene and exchange perspectives and experiential knowledge.	1. Guidance on effective learner engagement on academic integrity projects/innovations 2. Collate case studies of effective learner engagement initiatives
3	**Implementation and Capacity Building**	Support institutions and NAIN members in embedding academic integrity through training, guidance, and strategic implementation.	1.3 Continually empower NAIN members to communicate, educate and promote engagement with the network's mission in their respective organisations. 1.4 Encourage and support members to represent NAIN and engage and participate in national, European and international events and networking opportunities. 3.4 Provide professional development and training opportunities to NAIN members, both educators and learners, on academic integrity.	1. Guidance for effective implementation of academic integrity policy/misconduct procedures 2. Case studies on interpretation and implementation of NAIN policy and procedures by further and higher education institutions. 3. Guidance on academic integrity roles and responsibilities (work underway from previous WG5) 4. Plan schedule of education/training/information events

				that would assist NAIN members and external stakeholders.
4	**Research & Scholarship**	Advance evidence-based practice, monitor emerging threats, and foster national and international research collaborations.	4.1 Advocate for and support development of collaborative projects between NAIN members. 4.2 Engage with relevant national, European and international agencies/networks to identify opportunities for collaboration.	1. Develop guidance on undertaking research and scholarship projects focused on academic integrity. 2. Identify pertinent and topical research opportunities and potential avenues for dissemination. 3. Facilitate the establishment of subject interest groups/research clusters, open to all NAIN members, interested in pursuing opportunities identified in point (2) above.
5	**Communications, Resource Dissemination and Outreach**	Promote NAIN's mission, manage the development and sharing of resources, and engage stakeholders through strategic communications.	1.1 Actively promote best practice and standards of academic integrity. 2.1 Promote awareness and understanding of the role of NAIN and the importance of academic integrity to those within and external to further and higher education and training organisations. 3.2 Facilitate exchange and sharing of resources developed by members of the network. 4.3 Champion excellence in the field by identifying and promoting relevant awards, bursaries, grants and other opportunities to NAIN members.	1. Aid in the design of the NAIN website. 2. Quality assure resources for inclusion on website. 3. Identify any other resources which might be helpful for website. 4. Promote work of NAIN and disseminate outputs through traditional and social media fora (for example through information campaigns). 5. Identify opportunities for members to spotlight good practice and receive recognition for same. 6. Support dissemination activities of other working groups.