# The Student Transitions Enhancement Theme: the first year

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Six transitions practice case studies submitted to the QAA and shared with the sector. A further twenty case studies received to be added to the LTA Resource Bank

End of year Institutional Theme
Team meeting to consider what we
have learnt this year and future
plans
Edinburgh Napier Student

Transitions blog established

**20 May** 

2015

End of year synopsis report of institutional work submitted to the QAA

ASPEN

17 Dec 2014

30 Jan 2015 6 Mar 2015

Project support

workshop

17 Apr 2015 9-11 Jun 2015

17 Jun 2015

Ongoing

First meeting of the Institutional Theme Team. QAA funding allocated to six Student Transitions projects across the University. A further two projects received internal funding (see table)

Sector event for institutional teams. Follow up working lunch for Edinburgh Napier staff

Transition, progress and success of widening access

**Tracking Direct Entrants to SEBE** 

Data visualisation project

students

4 Feb

2015

Writing workshop for staff presenting at the upcoming QAA Transitions conference

International
Enhancement
Themes conference,
Glasgow. Over
twenty presentations
by Edinburgh Napier
staff and students

Exploring widening access groups of students and their progress and

Tracking and detailing direct entrants' progression, achievement and

Exploring student routes to Edinburgh Napier and their progression

Tom Campbell & Katrina Castle (Student and Academic Services)

attainment in comparison with traditional student groups

transition to employment

Alison Varey (School of Computing)

Alastair Stupart (SEBE)

on programmes

Support, reporting and dissemination of Projects

### The Institutional Theme Team

We would really welcome your input! If you would like to get involved with work on the Enhancement Theme, please get in touch with any of the team members listed below:

### **ASPEN** team representatives

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#### **School representatives**

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#### **Professional Services representatives**

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Name of Project	Research
International transitions	
Articulation routes accessed by overseas students to ENU	Exploring the link between background knowledge and skills and subsequent performance and progression on programmes Carles Ibanez & Alina Gavris (Business School)
University-wide international transitions mapping project	Scoping existing international transition and support initiatives and recommending enhancements  Monika Foster (Business School)
Extension of e-toolkit	Supporting international transitions into post-graduate dissertation modules Jackie Brodie, Kay Penny, Brian Windram & Colin MacKenzie (Business School)
Transitions into placement or work	
Video case studies – work placements	Supporting transition of undergraduates into work placement Colin Smith & Maureen Ronaldson (School of Computing)
Skills Award Framework	Investigating good practice in credit bearing work-related and co- curricular learning activities Miles Weaver (Business School)
Using institutional data to explore routes to admission, progression and employment	

Future Work 2015/2016

## International scoping project

to map out the support available to international students. Institutional Theme Team participation in the research.

# Inter-institutional collaboration and sharing

Potential for collaboration around articulation, associate student schemes, postgraduate research student transitions and supporting students through short-term international transitions.

# The staff conference in June 2016

will include a strong focus on Student Transitions.

Use your phone or iPad to take a look at our Student Transitions intranet site: