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A UKCISA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Apex Hotel, Edinburgh

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This one day UKCISA conference is the first in a series of interactive regional events throughout the country which aims to bring together all those with interests in international students (staff in recruitment, welfare, compliance, registry, academic support, policy and planning and from students unions):

- To discuss and debate recent or emerging areas of current government and sector policy and future strategies.
- To review all aspects of the international student experience from welcome and support to compliance.
- To bring colleagues together locally to build closer networks.
- To feedback on ways in which the UKCISA community can better support international students and staff in the future.

Registration

Registration is open to all colleagues at member institutions including their students' unions at the nominal cost of **£50 for the first and £25 for additional delegates** from the same institution. It is hoped therefore that 'UKCISA regulars' will take this opportunity to attend and to bring a senior colleague or one who works in some other aspect of international student admin or support, and/or a representative from their students union.

UKCISA is very grateful for the support and assistance which it has received from colleagues in Scotland in preparing this event and for the annual financial support which it receives from the Scottish Government.

Further regional events, following a similar format will be held in Bristol on 4 December 2014, Manchester on 6 February 2015 and London on 2 March 2015 with a report produced at the end of the series with conclusions and recommendations.

To register for the events go to:

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/regional-conference>

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Programme

- 10:00 Registration and refreshments
- 10:30 **Welcome and introductions**
Julie Allen, Director Policy and Services, UKCISA
- 10:45 **The Big Picture: who comes, why and what they experience**
Alan Mackay, Director International Office and Deputy Vice Principal International, University of Edinburgh
- 11:30 **PANEL SESSION 1**
The UK and Scottish international student experience – strengths and strategies
with speakers:
- **Rebecca Robinson**, Scottish Government
 - **Ulrike Peter**, Senior Policy Officer (International), Universities Scotland
 - **Teodora Teodorescu**, NEC Executive Representative of European Students, Aberdeen University Students' Union (NUS Scotland)
 - **Naomi Graham**, Deputy Head of International Recruitment at the University of Glasgow (Scottish Universities International Group – SUIG)
 - **Lucy Young**, Head of Education, British Council Scotland
- Chair: **Dominic Scott**, Chief Executive UKCISA
- 12:30 **Open Forum for views and proposals from delegates:**
How well is the UK performing? What more can and should be done?
- 13:00 Networking lunch
- 14:00 **PANEL SESSION 2**
International students and the immigration system
with the following practitioners:
- **Emma Meredith**, Edinburgh College, International Director
 - **Steph Niven**, Head of International Affairs, University of Stirling
 - **Joy Grenyer**, Head of Compliance, Northumbria University (Immigration Compliance Network – ICN)
 - **Melanie Sangha**, Senior Student Adviser, University of Strathclyde (Co-Chair of Scotland's Advisers to International Students – STRATOS)
 - **Euan Fergusson**, Head of International Student Support, University of Edinburgh
- Chair: **Ian MacLellan**, Chair, UKCISA Services and Representation Committee, and Student Support and Wellbeing Manager, University of Strathclyde
- 15:00 **Working together:**
- Feedback on UKCISA services
 - How can UKCISA provide additional services and support?
- 15:45 Conclusions
- 16:00 Close

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