

UK Committee (UKC) Annual Report 2024

The association is run by volunteers from across the Higher Education sector who work in teams in the UK Committee to offer training, communications, and development opportunities for our members. You can find a list of the current UK Committee on the [HELOA website](#).

Business of the UKC

The UKC have met 4 times this year, twice online and twice in person with agenda items focusing on our partnerships framework, membership engagement and the overall UKC structure. The UKC structure has been a significant focus this year with consideration to make some significant changes. There was an intention to bring a vote to the 2025 AGM, however due to the complexity of this project, a final outcome is yet to be confirmed, and we will be aiming to further consult with the membership before progressing to a vote. In addition, the executive committee meet monthly to ensure awareness of projects, and goals across UKC and have discussed items such as financial stability regarding membership and training events. Decisions taken by Trustees and key items of note are communicated back to membership via Group meetings, and through the HELOA communication channels. Members are encouraged to raise items or feedback via Groups.

External representation

We consult with several external organisations to promote informed choices for the young people we work with including Ofqual, Unifrog and The Brilliant Club. As Chair, I also sit on the UCAS Council and represent HELOA's views. I have attended 4 meetings this year conversing on topics like the Free School Meals fee waiver, apprenticeships applications on the UCAS platform, predicted grades project and their upcoming strategy. We continue to ensure that our position as advisers is clear, and our input reflects the variation across our membership.

Conclusion

It is a challenging time to work in Higher Education at the moment with many things unclear. I want to thank all of those who volunteer their time alongside their roles in the sector to HELOA posts and work hard to support our members with our charity mission. Each volunteer has an impact whether they support for 6 months or 6 years. As always, a thank you to our office team Dawn and Louise whose diligence and passion support the organisation we are. Finally, to our members, thank you for continuing to engage and bringing a range of perspectives and positive outcomes for the HE sector. Please do take the time to read reports, question us as a committee and attend AGM to vote on the upcoming work of HELOA.

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UK Chair

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