

Getting ready for...

ELIR

University's journey to ELIR 2021



What is ELIR?

Enhancement-led Institutional Review (ELIR) is an external review of higher education in the University, co-ordinated by Quality Assurance Agency Scotland (QAA Scotland). All universities in Scotland are reviewed on a four year cycle. The main focus of the review is the effectiveness of our approach to improving the student learning experience.

Why is ELIR important?

- ELIR helps us improve what we do, and how we do it
- ELIR leads to a published judgement on the quality and academic standards of the university.
- ELIR has a direct impact on our reputation - regional, national and international - our attractiveness to students, our ranking in 'league tables', our relationship with stakeholders.
- Engagement with ELIR is a statutory requirement, and one of the Scottish Funding Council's (SFC) conditions of funding.

What does ELIR involve?

The university submits a detailed self-evaluation (called the Reflective Analysis) and supporting evidence to QAA. This is drafted in consultation with colleagues from across the university and in partnership with our students. A panel visits the university to explore themes arising from our Reflective Analysis with groups of staff and students. The panel reaches a judgement, and reports on areas of good practice, and areas for development. The Reflective Analysis involves the four contextual themes.

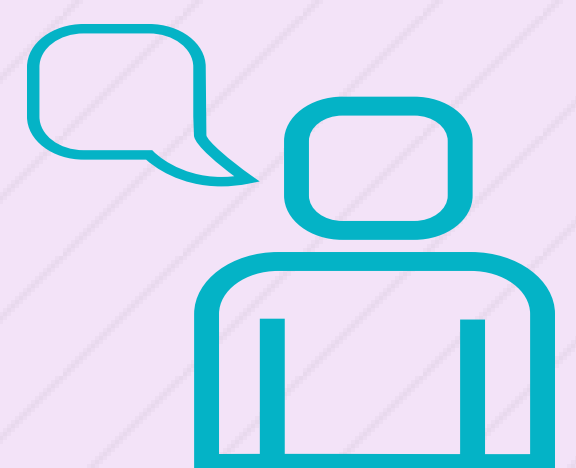
Reflective Analysis: The four contextual themes

Data



How we use it to enhance the student experience

Student voice



How we listen to and engage with our students

Employability



How we support student employability

Implementation of the Learning and Teaching Enhancement Strategy



How we use strategy to enhance practice