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Background

- UALL is the leading Association for higher education policy and practice in lifelong learning, part-time provision and public engagement, with recognition by Government as a consultative body for institutions and students.
- The overall aim of the Association is advocacy and good practice in lifelong learning for higher education providers both from within the UK and internationally.
- UALL is a membership subscription organisation, a registered UK charity, and is governed by a formal constitution. The Chair of UALL is a university Vice Chancellor, supported by Vice-Chairs and Honorary Secretary.
- UALL has around 60 universities in membership within the UK and around 20 international members.
- It has a federal structure reflecting the four nations of the UK –Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England.

Focus

- This is a time of great change in higher education generally – for example social mobility, the balance of vocational/academic routes, the crisis in part-time and mature participation, and the increasing profile of civic/public engagement. UALL engages with these and other issues by lobbying and consultation with the sector, government funding and policy bodies, and employers.
- Within UALL there is a range of Networks providing communities of practice in the key areas of lifelong learning for example, Employer Engagement, Flexible Pedagogy and New Technologies, International, Student Experience, Widening Participation & Access, Public Engagement and Work and Learning. The newly-established International Network aims to develop co-operation with European and other national networks.
- This structure enables all staff of member institutions to benefit from, and contribute to, the development of innovative and good practice in many aspects of provision and research. UALL engages in research into higher education lifelong learning policy, theory and practice.

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Core activities

- It holds two major Conferences in the year – the Annual Conference in the spring and the AGM and Seminar in November.
- Around these Conferences, there is a programme of events and other activities.

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