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Mr Anthony McClaran (Chair)
Chief Executive, Quality Assurance Agency

Anthony McClaran took up post as Chief Executive of QAA on 1 October 2009, after nearly six years as Chief Executive at UCAS. He joined UCAS in 1995 to lead the then Academic Services and Development department, and was appointed Deputy Chief Executive a year later. He became Acting Chief Executive in January 2003 and was appointed Chief Executive in December of that year.

A graduate in English and American Literature from the University of Kent, Anthony began his career at the University of Warwick where, among other posts, he was Admissions Officer. In 1992 he moved to the University of Hull to take up the post of Academic Registrar, with responsibility for an office which included recruitment, admissions, student records, international affairs and the internal allocation of resources. In 1995 he was appointed Acting Registrar and Secretary.

Anthony sat on the Council of the University of Gloucestershire from 1997 until 2005 and in September 2007 was appointed Chair of Council, a post he relinquished on taking up his QAA role.



Professor Chris Brink
Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University

Professor Chris Brink is the Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University in the UK. He is the academic and executive head of the University, and serves on several Boards in Newcastle and the Northeast of England. At national level he is the Co-Chair of the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU), serves on the Board of the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), and is a member of the Advisory Committee on Leadership, Governance and Management of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

Before taking up his position at Newcastle, Professor Brink was Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University in South Africa, where he led a transformation agenda which attracted national and international attention, while at the same time positioning Stellenbosch as one of the top three universities in South Africa. Earlier, he had served as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Wollongong in Australia, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at the University of Cape Town, and Coordinator of Strategic Planning. Other positions include a Senior Research Fellowship at the Australian National University in the 1980s, a brief spell in industry in the USA, sabbatical and other leave periods at Oxford University, and intermittent visits to many other European universities.

He is a logician with a Cambridge PhD, an interdisciplinary DPhil, Master's degrees in philosophy and mathematics, and a Bachelor's degree in computer science. His research areas include mathematics, logic, philosophy and computer science, and he has published in all these fields. Before moving into management he held the prestigious "A"-rating of the National Research Foundation, which ranked him as one of South Africa's leading scientists.

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Jane Davidson
Director, INSPIRE, University of Wales Trinity St David
Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Welsh Assembly Government

Jane Davidson was Minister for Environment and Sustainability in Wales from 2007 to 2011 where she was responsible for the Welsh Government agreeing to make sustainable development its central organising principle. Prior to that she was Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning where she introduced a new Foundation Phase for 3-7 year olds, the Welsh Baccaulaureate and introduced ESDGC into the Welsh curriculum.

Jane is passionate about the environment and resource efficiency and has been given a number of accolades for her work. She was the third most influential environmentalist in the UK for the Independent on Sunday in 2009 and has been Resource magazine's no 1 and 2 in 2009 and 2010 for her work on waste which has seen Wales come from behind the rest of the UK to be the lead recycling country in Britain. She holds honorary fellowships from CIW (Chartered Institute of Waste) and CIWEM (Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management) and has recently joined WWF's UK Council of Global Ambassadors. She is a judge on this year's Green Awards and is a member of the Telegraph's summit team writing about the green economy in the run up to Rio+20.

This autumn, she has taken on a new role as Director of a new sustainability institute in a new university, INSPIRE, (Institute for Sustainability Practice, Innovation and Resource Effectiveness) in Trinity St David University. She lives on a smallholding in West Wales. Jane is a keen walker and is delighted to have been elected President of Ramblers Cymru to support the development of the 850 mile Wales Coast Path due to open in May 2012. She says: "Sustainability needs to be at the heart of how we do business. We cannot continue to use more resources than our one planet can support."



Peter Davies
Commissioner for Sustainable Futures, Wales

Peter Davies (formerly Sustainable Development Commission Wales Commissioner) began his new role of Commissioner for Sustainable Futures on 1 April 2011. Following the closure of the Sustainable Development Commission at the end of March 2011, the newly appointed Commissioner for Sustainable Futures provides advice to the Welsh Government and leadership for sustainable development across Wales.

Peter Davies (Vice Chair Wales) began his career in the education sector, initially as a teacher before being appointed Southern Area Director of the CBI Education Foundation. He was subsequently appointed by the DTI to set up the National Teacher Placement Service. It was here that he received an OBE in recognition of his work. In 1995 Peter joined Business in the Community UK as a Managing Director and latterly has been its Deputy Chief Executive. He led the organisation's campaigning role in improving the social and environmental impacts of business and established an international reputation for his work on corporate social responsibility.

Peter returned home to Wales in 2005 and established the Project Development Partnership, providing project consultancy to business, government and the voluntary sector. Peter also coordinates the work of The Prince's Charities in Wales and is chair of the West Wales branch of The Institute of Welsh Affairs.

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**Professor Nick Foskett, MA, PhD, PGCE, FRGS, FRSA
Vice-Chancellor, Keele University**

Professor Nick Foskett has been Vice-Chancellor of Keele University since August 2010. Previously he was Dean of the Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Southampton, where he was also Professor of Education and, previously, Head of the School of Education.

Professor Foskett's academic expertise lies broadly in the field of educational policy and leadership, with a particular focus on higher education and further education. His internationally recognised research has considered a number of specific themes: the marketisation of education; educational and career choice processes by young people, including the nature and impact of the funding of students in HE; widening participation; the management and leadership of Schools, Colleges and Universities; the interface of government policy and the management of educational institutions; the internationalisation of HE; and capacity building in Universities in the developing world.

His work in these fields has included many national and international invitations as a keynote speaker, and work as a consultant to government both in the UK and overseas and on the development of policy in fields such as HE fees, widening participation and educational careers advisory systems. This has led to strong international links in Australia, China and the countries of southern Africa. He has been joint Editor of the Commonwealth's journal in the field of educational leadership, *International Studies in Educational Administration*.

Professor Foskett is a Geographer and Environmental Scientist by background, and after graduating from Oxford University he taught Geography and Geology in secondary schools and sixth form colleges before his career took him into HE. He still retains a strong interest and engagement in environmental issues and sustainability, and continues to publish and research on the nature and role of field studies, outdoor activities and education for sustainability within primary, secondary and tertiary education.



**Mrs Peaches Golding OBE, BA, MICM, MCM
Regional Director, Business in the Community
High Sheriff, County of City of Bristol**

Peaches Golding is a Regional Director of Business in the Community, one of the Prince of Wales' charities. Peaches' role is to assist businesses to implement responsible business practices and improve their positive impact on society.

Peaches was awarded an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours list 2009 in recognition of her significant role in supporting Business in the Community in the South West and "services to black and ethnic minority people in the South West". She is also a non-executive member of the North Bristol NHS Trust and Chair of the ITV West Regional Advisory Council and the ITV West Country Viewer Advisory Panel.

Peaches Golding was appointed High Sheriff of Bristol from March 2010. Her charitable work involves building relations between minority ethnic communities and society. She joined Business in the Community in 1994,

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helping establish Race for Opportunity, a campaign focusing on building sustainable links between minority ethnic communities and society as a whole. By 2000 she had become Deputy Director of Race for Opportunity and subsequently in 2004 the Regional Director of the South West Region of Business in the Community.



Virginia Isaac **Head of Business Development, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)**

Virginia joined UCAS in 1996, initially to develop the higher education conventions activity. The following year she became General Manager of UCAS Enterprises and over the next 10 years she developed the Company, renamed UCAS Media, into a flourishing commercial subsidiary. In 2002 Virginia was made Director of Marketing and Communications for UCAS and in 2006, she was made Director of Business Development and took responsibility for developing new business within UCAS as well as bidding for external contracts. In 2009 Virginia became Executive Director for UCAS Media and was appointed as UCAS' Acting Chief Executive, prior to the new CEO taking up her post in January 2010.

A graduate in English from the University of East Anglia and with a PGCE from the University of Swansea, Virginia studied for an MA in Marketing at UWE and is a graduate member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Before joining UCAS she was Marketing and Training Manager for the educational database ECCTIS 2000. Prior to that, she espoused self-sufficient farming in the Brecon Beacons, taught at secondary schools in England and Wales and wrote guidebooks for the National Trust. Virginia was also, together with her husband, the founder and director of Brecon Waters Ltd which is now a multi-million pound company.

Virginia sits on a number of Boards, including being a governor of Cheltenham College and on the Council of the University of Lampeter (now Trinity St David). Last year, after eight years, she stepped down from being a Director of Cheltenham Festivals.

At Trinity St David, Virginia is the lead governor for Sustainability supporting the development of the Institute for Sustainable Practice, Innovation and Resource Efficiency (INSPIRE) under the leadership of Jane Davidson. It is hoped that this will provide the impetus for an all-Wales initiative for developing sustainable practice and integrating sustainability into higher education.

Virginia is the second daughter of E.F. Schumacher, economist and author of 'Small is Beautiful – a study of Economics as if people mattered'.



Simon Kemp **ESD Academic Lead, Higher Education Academy**

Simon is responsible for providing academic leadership for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) at the Higher Education Academy, informing practice and strategy between the HEA and academic staff across higher education and working strategically with key professional, statutory and regulatory bodies to guide and raise the profile of ESD in the UK academic community.

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Simon is a National Teaching Fellow (NTF) at the University of Southampton, having been awarded the prestigious fellowship from the HEA in recognition of his work in ESD and employability. Since the mid-1990s, Simon has led and contributed to numerous sustainability projects across the University, including the University’s Green Academy programme, which is working towards placing sustainability within the CORE (Curriculum Operations Research and Experience) of the University.



David Middleton
Chief Executive, Business Council for Sustainable Development

David Middleton is Chief Executive of the Business Council for Sustainable Development – United Kingdom, Chief Executive of the Midlands Environmental Business Company, and Managing Director of Environmental Business Communications.

A career in newspaper and radio journalism, PR and exhibition and conference organising provided David with the opportunity to travel extensively, particularly in Europe but also in the US and Japan. Being witness to various examples of environmental problems around the world caused him to develop a concern about global environmental degradation and a belief that the business community essentially had to engage with the challenge if improvement was to be achieved. In 1991 he helped form the Midlands Environmental Business Club (MEBC), now a not for profit company with a pre-eminent Board of Directors drawn from business and the public sector.

His own business, Environmental Business Communications (EBC), was created soon after to provide management and development resources to the MEBC. David remains as Managing Director of EBC, based in Birmingham, and CEO of the MEBC, now renowned as a Midlands regional business network and project management and development company operating in the sustainable development arena.

David is also Chief Executive of the Business Council for Sustainable Development – United Kingdom (BCSD-UK), which EBC was contracted to manage and develop from October 1999. BCSD-UK is the only affiliated branch of the World Business Council in the UK.

In the past ten years, David has been a member of the government funded Business Taskforce for Sustainable Consumption and Production, two sub-groups of the UK Round Table for Sustainable Development, a director of the trading company of Birmingham Groundwork, a Trustee of the Warwickshire Energy Trust, facilitator for the environmental sector Business Growth Task Group of the regional development agency, Advantage West Midlands, and a speaker at numerous events in the UK and abroad.

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Alice Owen
Associate Director, Ove Arup & Partners Ltd
PhD researcher, University of Leeds

From 2005 to 2011 Alice was a commissioner with the Sustainable Development Commission where she led on planning, regional and local government. Alice's first degree was a BEng (Hons) from Brunel University's Special Engineering Programme in 1990. Alice started her career in the chemical industry, focusing on waste management. This led to an international role in project management and environmental knowledge transfer for the Field Studies Council, and then back to being based in the UK as Head of Conservation and Policy for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. During this period Alice completed an MBA (Distinction) at Manchester Business School where she focused on how management techniques could be applied to environmental issues and to the world of NGOs particularly.

Alice was responsible for initiating the first programme for sustainable development investment in the English regions, in her role as Head of Sustainable Development at Yorkshire Forward from 2001-2004. After a period living and working in Canada (which included sustainability projects with the University of British Columbia), Alice returned to the UK and worked on sustainable consumption policy for the Environment Agency before joining consultancy firm Arup as an Associate Director in sustainability and environment consulting.

Alice has been a chartered Mechanical Engineer and is a full member of the Institute for Environmental Assessment. Alice's current research is examining how 'green technology' spreads, how 'place' factors affect that diffusion, and the impact of technology on how people live in different locations.



Andrew Smith
Head of Estates and Sustainable Development, Higher Education Funding Council for England

Andrew is Head of Estates and Sustainable Development at HEFCE. He studied at Reading and City Universities, working in commercial property as a Chartered Surveyor before joining HEFCE in 1997.

Andrew is involved in the design and operation of funding schemes for university infrastructure and the development of good practice and policy in estates and sustainable development. He's been involved in the merger and re-location of institutions as well as Estates Management Statistics, the UK Space Management Group and the Capital Investment Framework.

Whilst at HEFCE Andrew has spent two years on secondment at the University of Bath, developing a new estates strategy and undertaking post-occupancy studies.

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Professor Tony Stevenson
Pro Vice Chancellor for Planning and Resources and Professor of Geography, Newcastle University

Tony runs the University’s strategic planning and budgeting exercise (£350m) including chairing the main budgetary committees to ensure that the major budget holders’ budgets align with the University’s strategic aims and objectives. His other Executive Board responsibilities include leading: development of the University’s Estate strategy; data management and the development of key performance indicators. Tony also led the development of the University’s relationship with INTO - a joint venturing organisation whose primary role is to enhance the University’s international undergraduate and postgraduate recruitment.

Tony leads the University’s Environmental Sustainability Strategy including development of a Carbon Management Plan which seeks to reduce the University’s Carbon footprint by 43% by 2020. The first fruits of this activity can be seen in its 93% recycling rate; while use of car travel by staff has reduced to 22% (40% in 2006); and energy use has held constant despite the estate expanding significantly over the last two years.

His research interests are in recent environmental change in the European uplands including peat erosion and fluctuations in ericaceae-dominated plant communities, history of interaction between humans, climate and vegetation in the western Mediterranean and the history of woodland management in the Mediterranean.



Professor Petra Wend PhD FRSA
Vice-Chancellor, Queen Margaret University

Professor Petra Wend joined Queen Margaret University as Principal and Vice-Chancellor in September 2009. She originally read Italian and French Language and Literature, and Education at the University of Münster in Germany and gained a PhD in Italian Language and Literature at Leeds University.

Petra went on to teach German and Italian at Middlesex University, rising to senior management roles before being appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education at the University of North London, now London Metropolitan University, where she subsequently became Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning and Teaching). She joined Oxford Brookes University as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Deputy Chief Executive in 2005.

With a research background in institutional strategies underpinning successful leadership, improvements in student experience and university performance indicators, Prof. Wend has a significant profile of academic publications and invited lectures. She holds a number of formal advisory roles on UK and international committees and boards. In 2008, she took part in Harvard Business School’s Women’s Leadership Forum and she is a member of the Society of Renaissance Studies.

Currently, she chairs Universities Scotland’s (the umbrella body for all Scottish universities) Learning and Teaching Committee; and is a member of the Executive Committee of Universities Scotland. She is a member of the Board of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAAHE) (UK); the joint Government and Scottish Funding Council’s Skills Committee and the Edinburgh Business Leadership Forum. As such she is also the Chair of its Sub-committee, the Productivity and Skills Group. She is also a member of the British Council Scotland Advisory Committee and has just joined the Quality Assurance Agency Scotland Committee.

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**Professor Daniella Tilbury – (Project Director)
Director of Sustainability, University of Gloucestershire**

Daniella is Director of Sustainability at the University of Gloucestershire. She is responsible for leadership and learning for sustainability across the institution as well as the implementation of its Sustainability Strategy 'Promising Futures 2009-2015'. In addition, she oversees the International Research Institute for Sustainability (IRIS) and the RCE Severn - a United Nations University accredited Regional Centre of Expertise which brokers sustainability learning partnerships across the region.

Her PhD research at the University of Cambridge was the first to look at institutional development and education for sustainability in higher education. She has been the recipient of several awards including the Macquarie Innovation Award, Marie Curie International Fellowship, and the 2010 Green Gown Award for institutional change for sustainability. In 2005, she was chosen by the Australian Government as the Founding Director of the Australian Research Institute in Education for Sustainability (ARIES) and supported with a \$6 million dollar grant to undertake applied research which could inform government policy and practice in this area. Independent evaluations confirm that ARIES research has shaped government frameworks and investment as well as business education practice from sustainability across Australia.

She currently serves as Chair of the UN Global Monitoring and Evaluation Expert Group which advises on the assessment of global progress during the UN Decade in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). In this role, she framed the first the UN Global Report on ESD. She led the UNESCO-IUCN Asia Pacific ESD Indicators Project and is the UK government nominated member of the UNECE Expert Group on ESD Competences. Daniella has over 100 publications in the areas of leadership and organisational change in HE; global responsibility and sustainable development. She has given keynote addresses in conferences across the globe: most significantly, she was a keynote speaker at the UN World Conference in ESD (Bonn 2009) as well as UNESCO's side event at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg 2002). She is a Fellow of the Leadership Trust (UK); Sustainable Development Education Academy (Canada) and the Sustainable Futures Academy of the Global Salzburg Seminar (Austria).



**Dr Alex Ryan – Project Manager
Associate Director of Sustainability (Academic), University of Gloucestershire**

Alex has responsibility for curriculum development and staff development in Education for Sustainability (EfS) within and across faculties at the University of Gloucestershire. She works closely with the Director of Sustainability to reach the ambitious goal of embedding sustainability across the University curriculum by 2015. This includes strategic work to include sustainability within generic teaching and learning practices and processes across the University, as well as targeted activities to support particular teaching teams and to produce guidance on EfS for specific subject areas.

Alex has worked as consultant to the HE Academy *Education for Sustainable Development* (ESD) Project since it began in 2005. She carried out the *2008 Review of ESD in HE in Scotland* and co-led projects in ESD in several disciplines and inter-disciplinary work. She was jointly responsible for developing a series of events to progress 'whole institution' strategic change for sustainability, involving consultation with those in leadership roles in HE institutions across England and Scotland. She recently developed a series of case studies of experiences in leading institutional approaches in sustainability education, as part of a wider project, *ESD and Holistic Curriculum Change*, exploring international trends in institution-wide curriculum innovation.