

Student Partnership Agreement (SPA) 2022 - Summary

The purpose of the SPA is to present the work being done to improve the student experience in partnership between the University of the Highlands and Islands ('the university'), including our academic partners, and the Highlands and Islands Students' Association ('HISA'), and to show students how they can get involved in that activity. As part of [our university community](#) you are actively encouraged to tell us how we can make your education better in any way.

Partnership is used in a broad sense to indicate joint working between students and staff. Partnership working is based on the values of openness; trust and honesty; agreed shared goals and values; and regular communication between the partners.

Student engagement and representation covers many activities within the university in partnership with HISA. There are a variety of ways we engage with students including surveys, student representation and opportunities to share your views and opinions.

Joint partnership working between the university and students' association in 2022 comprises:

	<p>Disability Support, Awareness, and Accessibility</p>	<p>This theme includes aspects of mental health, physical access to campus, online accessibility to studies, and consideration of the impacts of long COVID.</p>
	<p>Socialising, Connectivity, and Community</p>	<p>This theme will consider aspects of digital fatigue, a return to in – person and hybrid social activities, alternative social opportunities for those who don't feel safe returning to physical events, and issues of digital connectivity.</p>
	<p>Environment and Green Sustainability</p>	<p>This theme will continue to focus on the climate crisis, how we can support an 'Eco – recovery', the re-introduction of sustainable practices in our colleges, and greening our campuses.</p>

We also agree annual '**SMART**' ([specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time – bound objectives](#)) based on student feedback at the annual HISA loop conference. These objectives support the themes mentioned above. Details of these and all our work are available online.

Work undertaken during the previous year is reported in the **full SPA for 2022**. **Information on current progress towards this year's SPA is available on our websites.**