

Proposal for poster at the INQAAHE Conference 11 – 13 April 2013

**Conference sub-theme: 3 – Impact of QA and the effects of external and internal QA:
regional perspectives to a shared issue**

Topic covered in the poster:

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Organization of the author(s): Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

Audio – visual requirements: Poster

Title: *Making a difference: what is the impact on UK higher education of the Quality Assurance Agency?*

Abstract:

Higher education (HE) is a devolved responsibility across the four nations of the UK. Different financial, political and social policies, operating across the 4 nations, govern higher education. The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) as a UK body with responsibility for safeguarding standards in higher education, engages with all stakeholders who are affected by these policies.

The poster presents a visual map of the QAA's engagement with a range of stakeholders, identifying the impact and benefits for each stakeholder.

Poster outline:

The ways in which the following stakeholders engage with QAA, and the impact and benefits of that engagement, will be presented as a visual map:

- Senior managers in higher education institutions
- Academic practitioners
- Students
- Student associations at institutional and national level
- Employers
- Government and taxpayers