



GLOBAL TRENDS IN STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN QA

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Introducing THE GSF

GSF is the umbrella organisation for 203 student organisations from 122 countries. It was founded in 2019 from the solidarity of AASU, CSA, ESU, OBESSU and OCLAE, representing 300 million learners worldwide.



Global Student Forum
Team at the UN GA in 2022



Evaluation of **QUALITY**

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What is important in knowledge is not quantity, but quality. It is important to know what is significant, what is less so, and what is trivial. **LEO TOLSTOY**

QA Up Close

QA from globalisation and massification, with small quality agencies move to national and regional quality frameworks

How QA Evolved

Increased global demand for skilled human labour; rapid growth of HE partnerships, competitive force of the market

QA is Evolving

Cycles of: integration of ideas from research/practice; educational environmental context; continual improvement

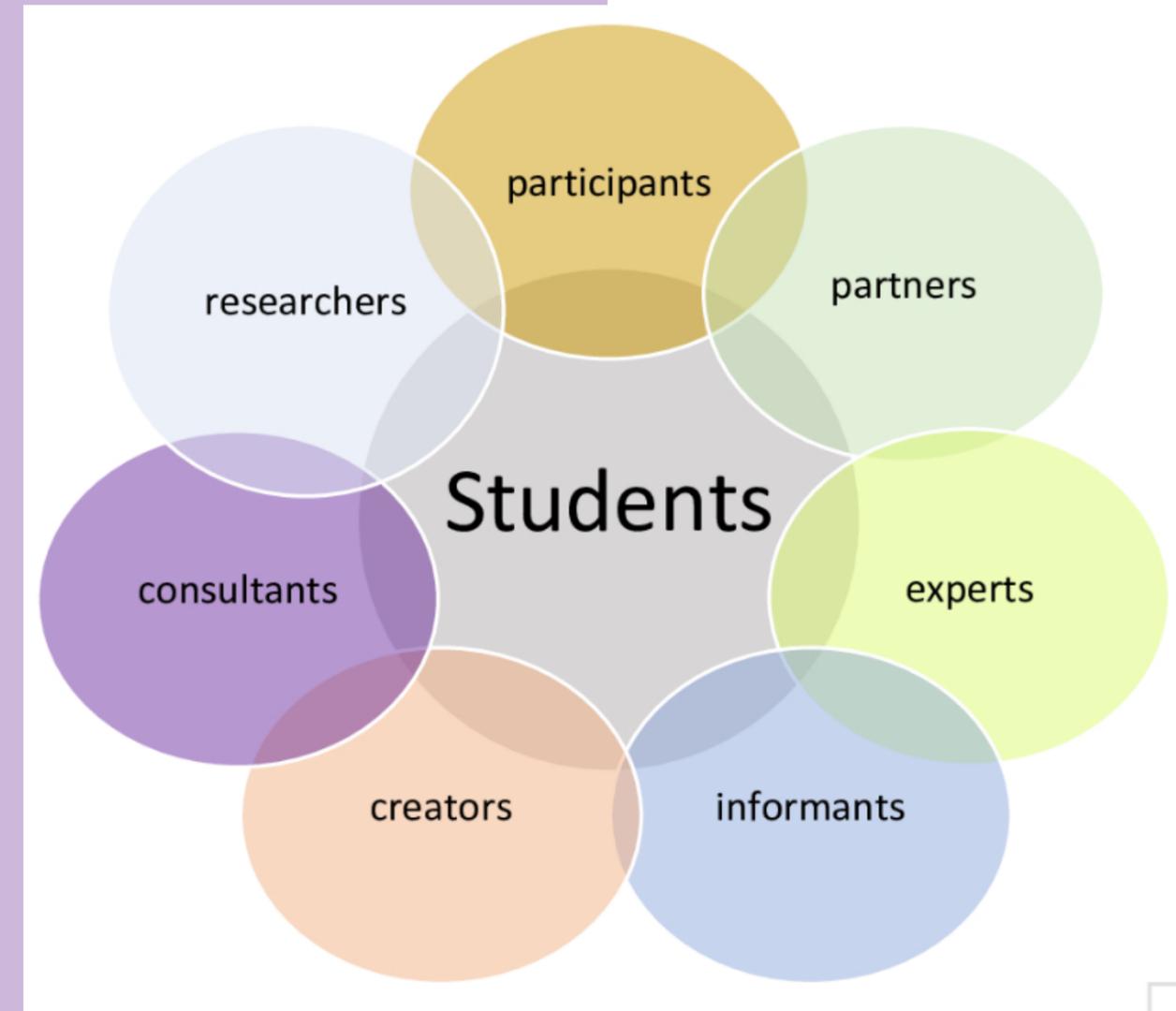
Students in **QUALITY**

Student voice... opportunities for engagement, where students can have an opinion (Higher Education Authority)

Student engagement... investing time in areas relevant to the to support the student experience and institution's reputation (NStEP)

Student partnership... working with students in various parts and stages of the quality process (sparqs)

- Scotland: A Student Engagement Framework for Scotland
- Wales: Pathways to Partnership Toolkit
- Ireland: Enhancing Student Engagement in Decision-Making
- England: Framework for Student Engagement Through Partnership • Europe: Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area
- Australia: Creating a National Framework for Student Partnership in University Decisionmaking and Governance
- New Zealand: Whiria Ngā Rau: Progressing from Student Voice to Partnerships





QA STUDENT ECOSYSTEM

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GLOBAL UNION



REGIONAL UNIONS



NATIONAL UNIONS



LOCAL UNIONS

UN ORGANS

SUPRANATIONAL AGENCIES

QUALITY BODIES

REGIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

QUALITY BODIES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

QUALITY BODIES

COMMITTEE-LEVEL QUALITY

SCHOOL-LEVEL QUALITY

Regions



Africa

- Working with PAQAF
- Establishing the African Students' QA Network
- Building a pool of student experts for QA recruitment/training



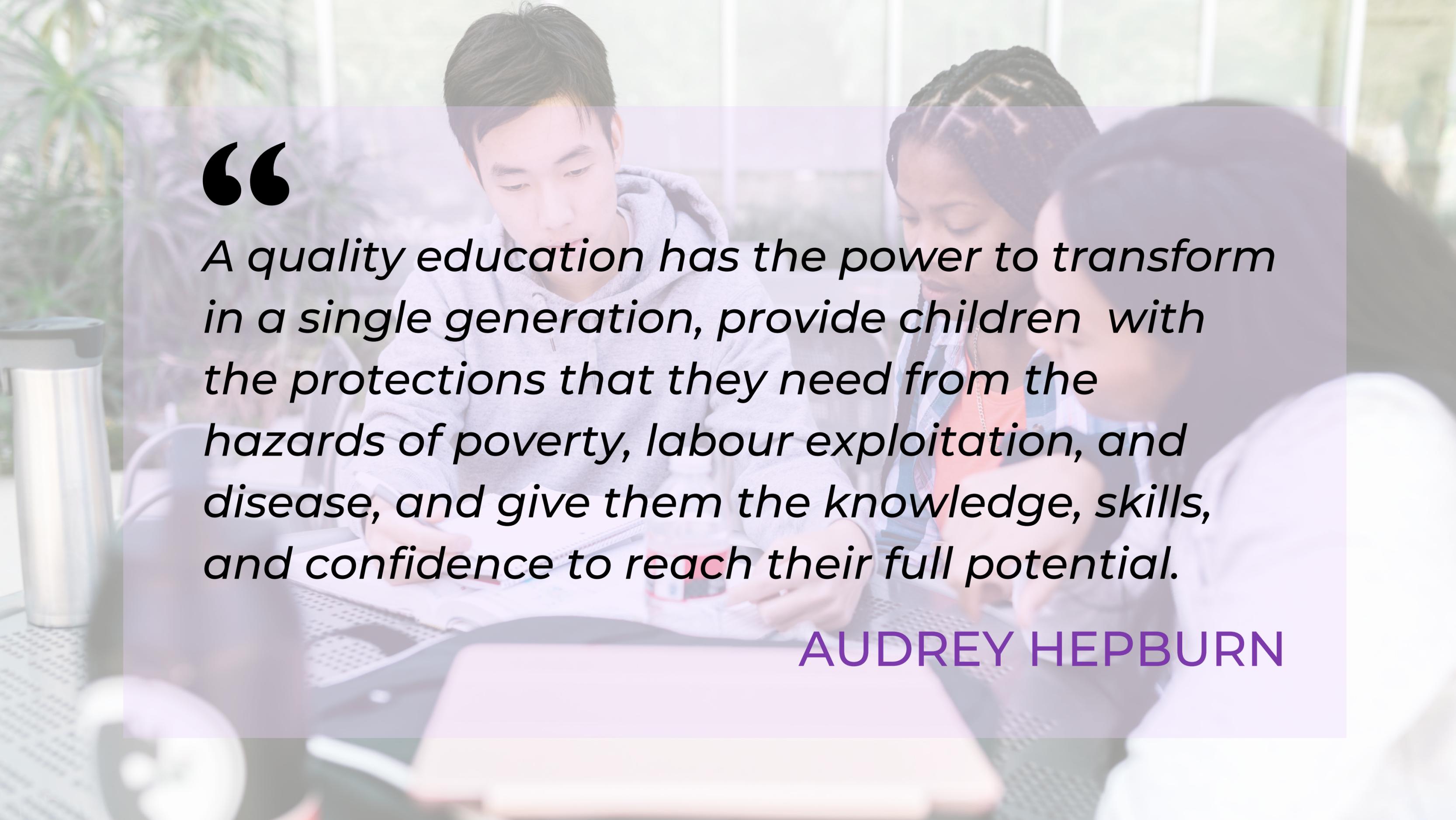
Europe

- Pool of student experts for QA from 73 EHEA countries
- Represented in IEP Steering Committee and EQAF
- Bologna With Student Eyes



Asia-Pacific

- Inconsistent student engagement
- Students on committees/boards at the national level
- Working to define quality for the region



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A quality education has the power to transform in a single generation, provide children with the protections that they need from the hazards of poverty, labour exploitation, and disease, and give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their full potential.

AUDREY HEPBURN



**THANKS
FOR WATCHING**

