



***Access Practitioners - Collaborators
and Agents of Change***

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Context 2014 - Now

2014 - First Minister's ambition set for 2030

"I want us to determine now that a child born today in one of our most deprived communities will, by the time he or she leaves schools, have the same chance of going to University as a child born in one of our least deprived communities" Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, 26 November 2014

2015 - Commission of Widening Access (CoWA) established

2016 - Blueprint for Fair Access published with 34 recommendations

- First Commissioner for Fair Access appointed (Sir Peter Scott)

- Access targets

-By 2021, students from 20% most deprived backgrounds should represent at least 16% of f/t, 1st degree entrants to Scottish HEIs and 10% of f/t, 1st degree entrants to every individual institution.

-By 2030, students from 20% most deprived backgrounds should represent 20% entrants to higher education



Context 2014 - Now

2017 - 2019 - Framework for Fair Access established

Professional development network for access practitioners - SCAPP –
launched in May 2019 – relaunch January 2020

2023 – Second Commissioner for Fair Access Appointed (Professor John
McKendrick)



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SCAPP Objectives

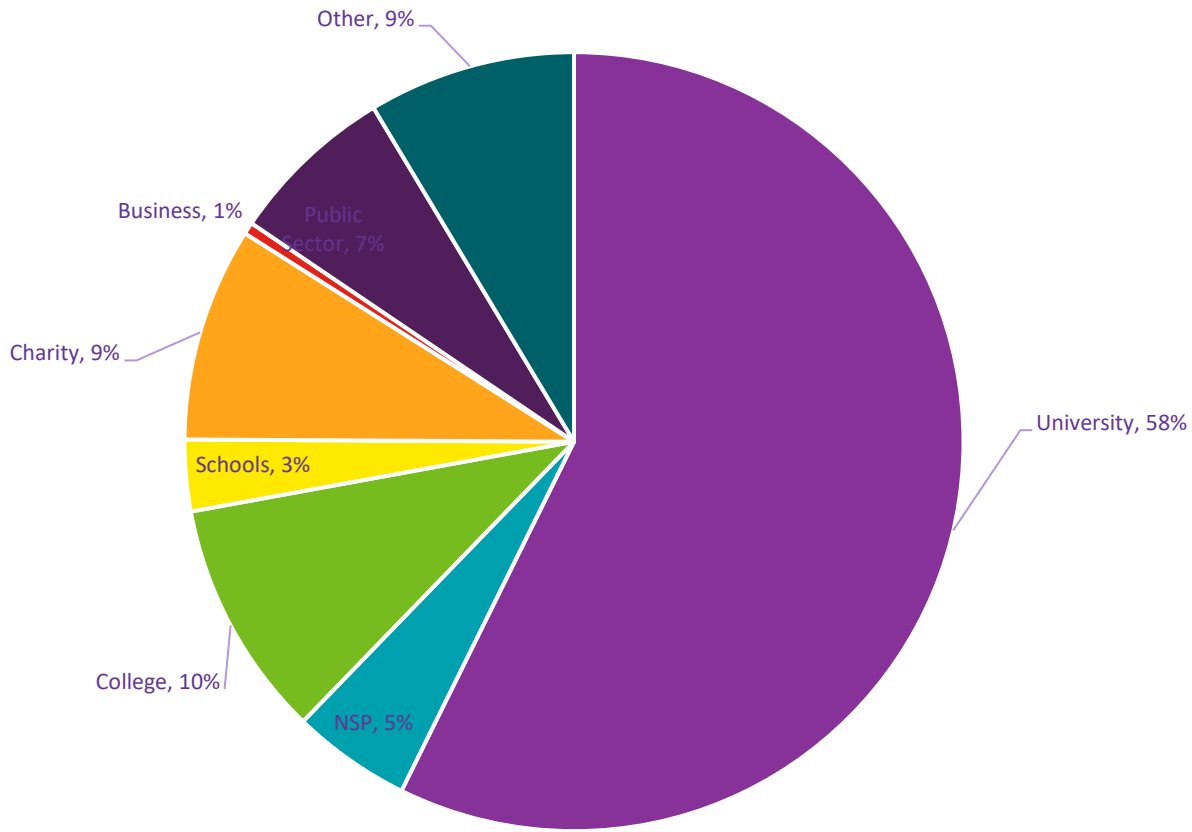
1. Offering **Networking and Event** opportunities via sharing practice, resources and skills
2. Offering **Professional Learning and Development** opportunities
3. Developing effective mechanisms between **research and practice** and encouraging development of **evaluation activity** and input to an **evidence base** for impact of interventions for the sector
4. Ensuring **Quality of Practice** and accreditation framework which recognises the value of WP work



SCAPP Principles

1. To provide a **practitioners' network** to support the development and professionalisation of a **strong WA and WP community** in Scotland
2. To be **inclusive** and **sector wide**
3. Build on, **not duplicate** existing national and local networks
4. To be sustainable and **member-led**





Governance



Making it Happen Key Activities - 1

Networking and practice sharing **events**

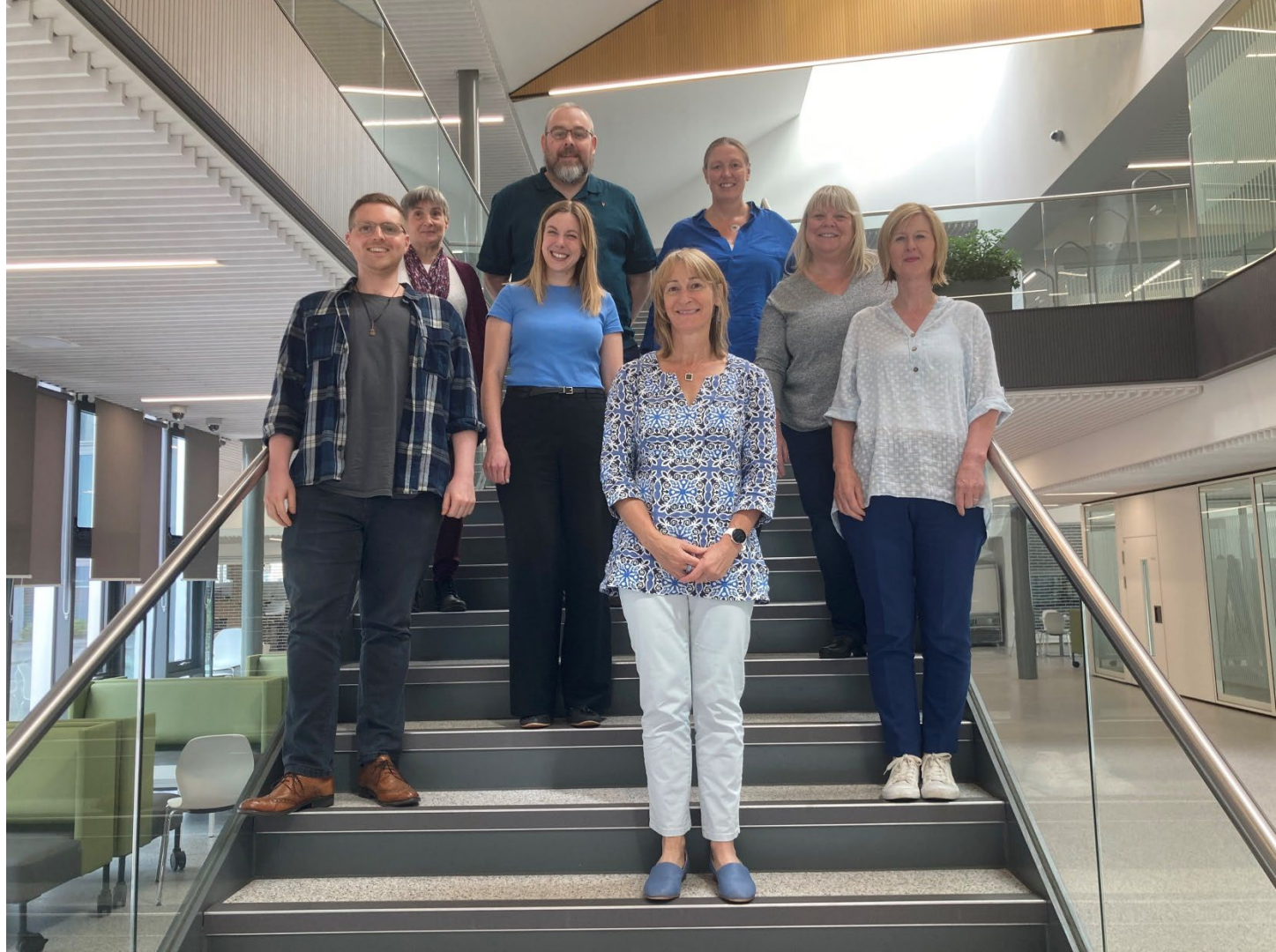
Monthly **Connect with SCAPP Bulletin** of news, events, jobs & opportunities

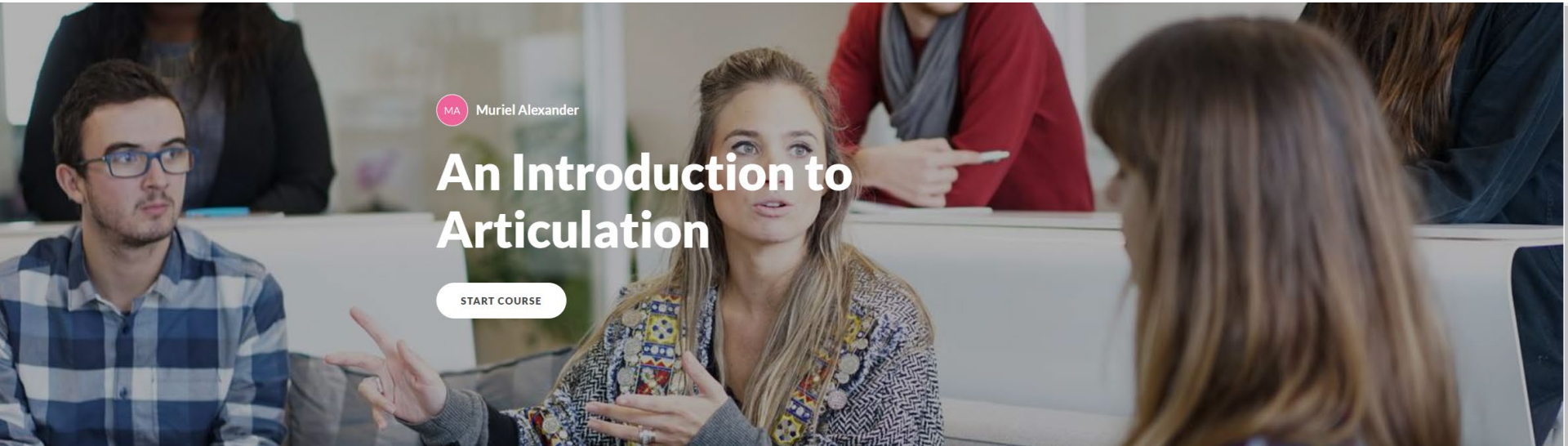
Development of Working Groups

Articulation

- **Articulation Matters**
- **Introduction to Articulation Module**







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An Introduction to Articulation

START COURSE



This short course explains the definitions, contexts and aims of articulation. It has been created by members of the SCAPP working group, 2021.

☰ What is Articulation?



☰ Articulation in Context



Key Activities - 2

Professional Learning and Development

Mentoring Programme (MAPS)

Learning Resources Portal

Professional Standards Framework and Accreditation Scheme



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Key Activities - 3

Evaluation and Research

Directory of Practice & Expertise, for collaboration across the sector
Widening Participation Evaluation Guide



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Widening Participation Evaluation Guide

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This 'how to' guide to evaluation for widening participation practitioners was developed for the Scottish Community of Access and Participation Practitioners (SCAPP) by Dr Karen Campbell and Alison Browitt.

☰ Introducing the Guide



☰ Introducing Evaluation



Key Activities - 3

Evaluation and Research

Evaluation Matters Community of Practice



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Key Activities - 4

Other Communities of Practice

The Sanctuary Group

New Practitioners Network

Others e.g. College Development Network, Care Experienced, Estranged and Carers Forums



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Key Activities - 5

SCAPP Conference May 2023

European Access Network Conference June 2024

Introduction to WP resource



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Impact

1. Building connections across sector organisations
2. Building capacity for Professional Development and Learning Opportunities
3. A new way for Evaluation



Challenges

1. Building and maintaining membership
2. Keeping SCAPP relevant and useful
3. Building a sustainable network



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The Future

1. Subscriptions

2. Income generation

3. Governance



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Lessons Learned – and Still Learning

1. **Establish what your community wants: Vision, Aims and Objectives**
2. **Funding and Resources**
3. **Governance and Stakeholders**
4. **People and Roles**
5. **Centralised or Devolved**
6. **What's in it for Me?**
7. **Sustainability**





Go Forth and Network

***See you at the EAN Conference
11-12 June at Abertay University,
Dundee***



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