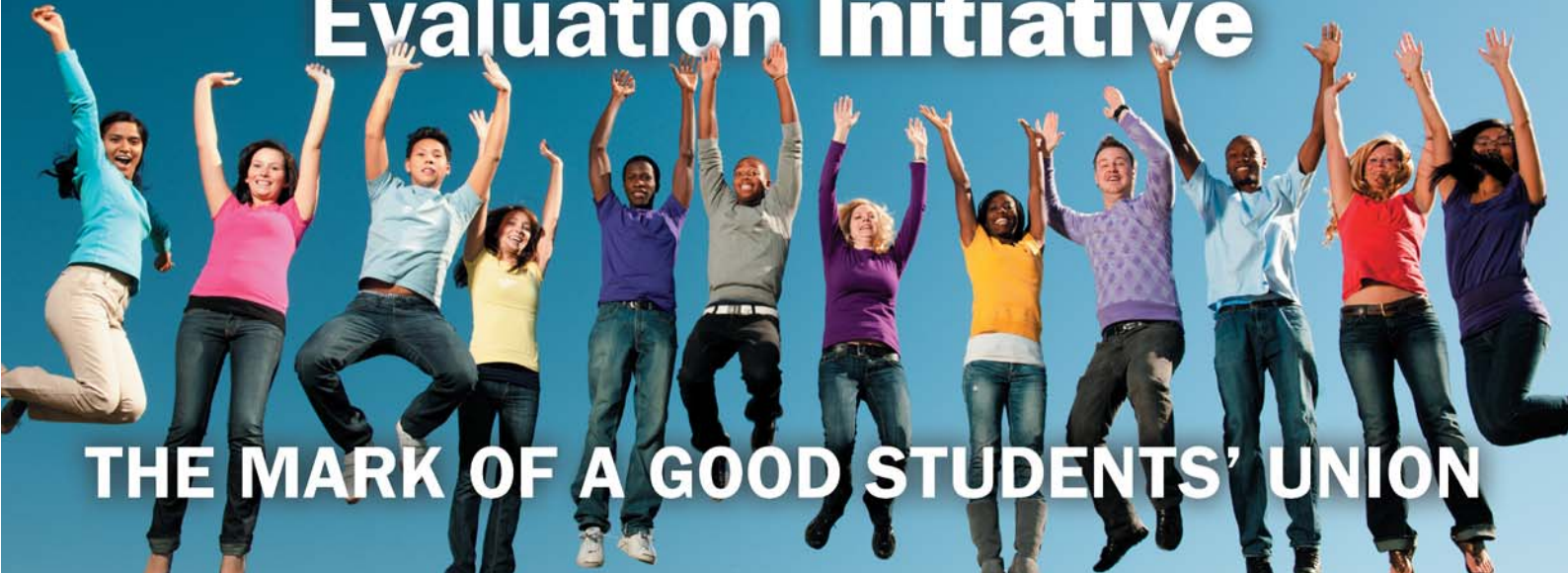
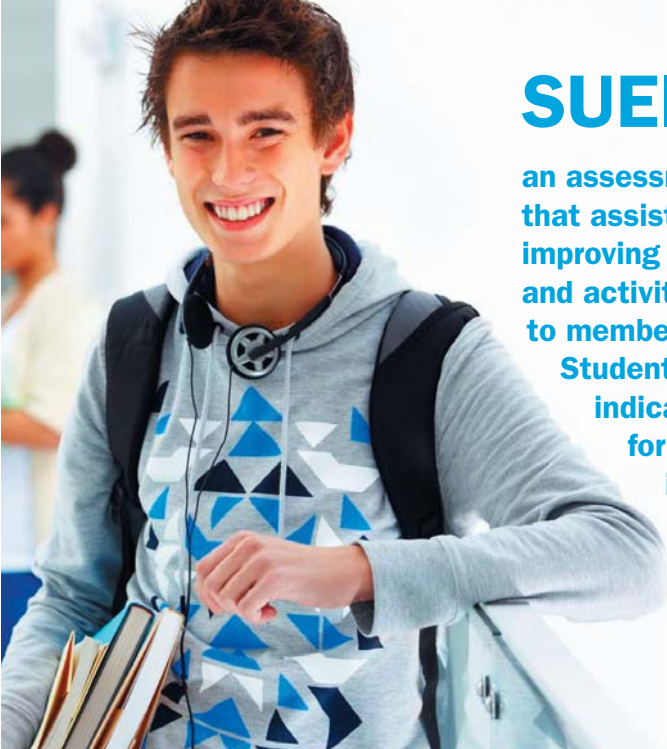


Students' Union Evaluation Initiative



THE MARK OF A GOOD STUDENTS' UNION



SUEI IS

an assessment model that assists in improving the services and activities delivered to members of the Students' Union by indicating areas for continuous improvement.

SUEI Cohort Handbook,
July 2009

SUEI MEANS

- Improving the student experience
- Making lasting connections with members
- Building a better union
- Raising standards
- More effective representation
- Continuous improvement

SUEI Participants, Students and Staff, who attended the SUEI Open Day at Hull University Union in April 2009



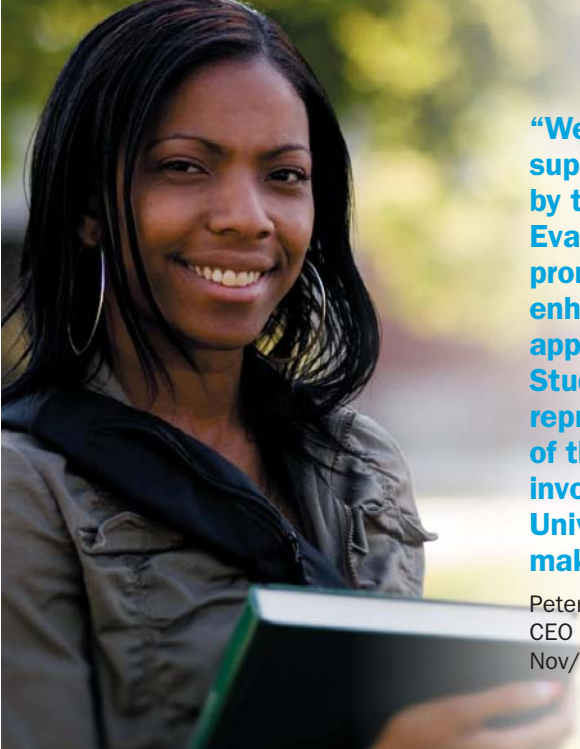


“Being a member of a SUEI Cohort means you are part of a scheme that has seen major improvements in the leadership, impact and processes of Students’ Unions across the UK.”

Wes Streeting (NUS President), Matt Hyde (NUS Chief Executive)
SUEI Handbook, July 2009

“UUK and GuildHE are supportive of the work that SUEI does, given the importance of strong and effective unions working in partnership with institutions.”

Letter to Vice-Chancellors and Principals
July 09 from UUK, NUS and GuildHE



“We are pleased to support the work done by the Students’ Union Evaluation Initiative to promote, support and enhance the approaches taken by Students’ Unions to represent the interests of their members and involve them in University decision making.”

Peter Williams before retiring as
CEO - Quality Assurance Agency
Nov/Dec 08 SUEI Newsletter

“SUEI gives [an] independent external assessment [and] either the reassurance that the union is effective and is delivering for its members, or, if not, we know where improvements can be made”

Michael Arthur, Vice-Chancellor University of Leeds
SUEI July/Aug 09 Newsletter

“There is no doubt that working within the SUEI framework is making differences to the Unions participating and, therefore, their members”

Diane Boston and John Windle, SUEI Founders
SUEI Conference Brochure, January 2009

THE SUEI JOURNEY

The eventual development of the Students' Union Evaluation Initiative has been driven by a fundamental desire to make a positive difference to the lives of members whilst they remain students by improving the outcomes of the work of Students' Unions.

Although this will remain paramount, and will provide a focus for the work, there are some more specific aims which are intended to be achieved through the Model's introduction:



- To increase the trust and confidence in Students' Unions from all in the Education sector and beyond
- To promote the legitimacy of Students' Unions to members, funders and other stakeholders
- To encourage learning within and amongst Unions by identifying good practice from within and without the sector and to promote increased collaboration
- To enable new developments designed to enhance effective management
- To promote effective governance
- To increase the effectiveness of Students' Unions
- To improve the services offered to members

SUEI Cohort Handbook, July 2009

AWARD WINNING UNIONS AS AT OCTOBER 2009

Students' Union
Evaluation Initiative
Gold Award 2008

- Leeds Gold 2008

Students' Union
Evaluation Initiative
Silver Award 2008

- Bath Silver 2008

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Evaluation Initiative
Silver Award 2008

- Hull Silver 2008

Students' Union
Evaluation Initiative
Bronze Award 2008

- Essex Bronze 2008

Students' Union
Evaluation Initiative
Bronze Award 2009

- Bedfordshire Bronze 2009

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Bronze Award 2009

- De Montfort Bronze 2009

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Bronze Award 2009

- Teesside Bronze 2009

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Evaluation Initiative
Bronze Award 2009

- York St. John Bronze 2009



Union and NUS Officers with Peter Williams (retired CEO of the QAA) at the October 2009 House of Commons SUEI Award Ceremony

PARTICIPATING UNIONS

AS AT OCTOBER 2009

- Aberdeen
- Anglia Ruskin
- Bath
- Bedfordshire
- Birmingham
- Bournemouth
- Coventry
- Creative Arts
- Cumbria
- De Montfort
- Derby
- Durham
- East Anglia
- Edinburgh
- Essex
- Exeter
- Glasgow
Caledonian
- Goldsmiths
- Hertfordshire
- Huddersfield
- Hull
- Imperial
- Kings College,
London
- Leeds
- Leicester
- Lincoln
- Liverpool Guild
- Liverpool, John
Moores
- Loughborough
- Manchester
- Manchester
Metropolitan
- Middlesex
- Newcastle
- Nottingham
- Nottingham Trent
- Oxford Brooks
- Plymouth
- Portsmouth
- Queens Belfast
- Reading
- Robert Gordon
- Royal Holloway
- Salford
- Sheffield
- Sheffield Hallam
- School of
Oriental and
African Studies
- Solent
- South Bank
- Staffordshire
- Strathclyde
- Sussex
- Teesside
- Ulster
- UCL
- University of
the Arts
- Warwick
- West of England
- Westminster
- Worcester
- York St. John



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