

Plenary speech by Irene Glendinning

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Title:

Academic integrity in higher education institutions: A global perspective

Abstract:

There are many threats and problems affecting the whole world today. The need to educate young people to behave with honesty and integrity has never been more important. This talk will draw on the findings from recent research to demonstrate what higher education institutions in different parts of the world have been doing to discourage different forms of corruption and academic misconduct.

The talk will specifically focus on the role of quality agencies and accreditation bodies across the world to influence the strategic direction of policies for academic integrity in higher education institutions. We will explore how some institutions are supported in their development through national or regional initiatives.

The presentation will include suggestions for what more can be done at all levels to encourage scholarship, improve learning and attainment and maintain quality and standards of higher education qualifications.

The content of this talk has importance to stakeholders in education, research and civil society.