

UCET services to its members

Who we are

The Universities Council for the Education of Teachers (UCET) is an independent membership body for universities and others delivering HE level teacher education and engaging in education research. We have nearly 100 members across the UK as well as an increasingly international profile. We are a registered charity established in 1968 and are based in central London.

What we do

UCET provides invaluable and cost-effective support to its membership, both collectively and at institutional level. Our work includes:

- Representing and promoting the sector, where we speak and negotiate with the government and other statutory agencies, and use our media profile to make the case for high quality, sustainable and properly resourced teacher education and education research
- Informing the sector, through the holding of regular meetings and events that give teacher educators the chance to share ideas, identify and resolve concerns and network. We also keep the membership in touch with national policy announcements, funding opportunities and a range of other information. We also help members advertise for staff and external examiners and publicise conferences and other events:
- Providing advice to individual members on issues such as DBS and child protection regulation, teacher training requirements, inspection issues, student support regulations and anything else that our colleagues working within particular institutions finds themselves faced with.

UCET membership offers excellent value for money, with a flat rate annual subscription of £4,150 for most members, and £2,000 for very small member institutions with 30 or fewer trainees. By comparison, the TES charges £6-£12,000 for advertisements, something that UCET can do in a more targeted way for free. Education consultants often charge up to £700 a day to provide advice, while free attendance at UCET committees (and committee extra meetings) and morning symposium charges of just £40 compare well to charges of around £200 for similar events.

How we work

UCET is governed by an elected Executive Committee that meets twice a term, and has one additional termly meeting with senior staff from the DFE, OFSTED and the NCTL. We have eight standing committees¹ that meet three times a year to which every member institution is entitled to send a representative. Standing committees meet in the afternoons and are preceded by morning symposia that consider in detail key policy, organisational or educational issues.

As a member led organisation, all key decisions are taken by representatives of member institutions elected by the membership.

Further information

For further information, please visit our website at www.ucet.ac.uk or contact James Noble-Rogers on 020 7612 6485 or j.noble-rogers@ucet.ac.uk.

¹ Management Forum (for heads of departments), ITE primary & early years, ITE secondary, Post-16; Research & International; CPD, Cymru and Northern Ireland