



Introduction to OpenQAsS

Open Source Quality Assurance System – an Erasmus+ Project

OpenQAsS is a European project developing an open source quality assurance system for institutions delivering vocational qualifications. This will include resources and digital platforms which can facilitate the QA process. The objectives of the project are to:

- improve the culture of quality assurance across EU states
- develop Open Source Software toolkit (OpenQAsS) to promote and facilitate QA management
- develop a certificate–Institutional Quality Assurance Manager (IQAM) for staff who take responsibility for quality management tasks.

The project brings together partners from Scotland, Hungary, Spain, Italy and Ireland.

For this session, members of the project will give an overview of progress so far, the available materials and demonstration of the OpenQAsS platform and Lesson Planner. There will be a discussion of how colleges can take advantage of the tools being developed to directly address the needs of the Scottish context.

The event is aimed at College quality managers and senior college management interested in new models of quality assurance and ties in with the new Education Scotland quality arrangements and the expectation that that Colleges now need to embed independent, external stakeholder feedback within evaluation processes.

The main hope of the seminar is to identify those parts of the project which will have value and currency in a Scottish context.



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Programme

(Assuming 3.5 hour seminar with 15 minute coffee break, and hands on)

1. The OpenQAsS Project	30	KWC
a. Overview	0	
b. The Partners	0	
c. Deliverables	0	
2. Our understanding of QA in Scotland	15	JW
3. Progress of Project	30	KWC
a. Deliverables to date, and the Scottish inputs	0	
b. Demonstration of the OpenQAsS Platforms	0	
4. Break	15	
5. The OpenQAsS Quality Manual	15	JG
6. The Lesson Planner	20	KWC
7. Institutional Quality Assurance Manager (IQAM) Certificate	15	JG
8. OpenQAsS in education	30	All
9. Plenary Session, with access to project web sites	30	All
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In the course of the seminar we intend to discuss the following issues:

1. Assessment and Quality Assurance
2. Lesson Planning for learning events in SQA programmes
3. Data from lessons to improve student experience
4. Involving the classroom lecturer in institutional QA

Speakers

Ken Currie – Project Leader

John Gordon – Project QA Consultant

Joe Wilson – Project Adviser – Scotland Issues.

We need to flesh out the details of the seminar. I suggest the following format:

- Presentations on PowerPoint;
- Demos on screen
- Last session hands on to the resources of OpenQAsS

Session 1 – Overview of the OpenQAsS Project (30 mins)	KWC	PP ready?
The OpenQAsS Project		
Overview		
The Partners		
Deliverables		
Session 2 QA in Scottish Colleges (15 mins)	JW	
Our understanding of QA in Scotland		
Session 3 Progress of Project (30 mins)	KWC	
Deliverables to date, and the Scottish inputs		
Demonstration of the OpenQAsS Platforms		Demo
Break		
Session3 OpenQAsS Tools		
The OpenQAsS Quality Manual (15 mins)	JG	Demo
The Lesson Planner (20 mins)	KWC	Demo
Session 4 The new Certificate		
Institutional Quality Assurance Manager (IQAM) Certificate (20 mins)	JG	
Session 5 Discussion		
OpenQAsS in education	30All	Not required
Access to project web sites	30All	