

Student Engagement in Higher Education

From formal theory to real-world solutions

Research impact story

[Paul Trowler](#) and [Vicki Trowler](#) were funded first by the [Higher Education Academy](#) (HEA) and then the [Leadership Foundation for Higher Education](#) (LFHE) to conduct research into student engagement. Vicki wrote what is the most current [large-scale review of the literature on student engagement](#) and together they:

- Disaggregated the [student engagement concept](#) into its component parts
- Wrote [case studies of highly engaged universities](#)
- Proposed [frameworks for action](#) aimed at change agents
- Developed a [Leadership for Engagement resource kit](#)
- Created a role play workshop exercise
- Set up an [interactive website about student engagement](#) (login:sakai.guest@gmail.com. Password: welcome)
- Published a paper for higher education managers and administrators in the AUA Journal [Perspectives: Policy and Practice in Higher Education](#)

Both Paul and Vicki Trowler have been invited by many universities and organizations to talk about their work on engagement (see diagram below from EFMD conference in Budapest). Vicki's keynote speech at Heriot Watt University was at the invitation of [SPARQs](#), who have extended her 3-fold elaboration of student engagement into [5 discrete forms](#). Paul was invited to join the QAA advisory group on student engagement, contributing to the engagement chapter of the new (2013) QAA Quality Code.

One of several visual recordings of the lifeboat sessions at EFMD conference 2011, Budapest. [Copyright Szilart Strennar, graphic facilitator, Grafacity.](#)



Dissemination activities provided by Vicki and Paul Trowler



- * Heriott Watt University
- * Glasgow School of Art



- * HEA/NUS conference, Manchester
- * HEA/NUS conference, London
- * EFMD annual conference, Budapest
- * Liverpool John Moores University
- * Derby University
- * Blackburn College
- * Blackpool & the Fylde College
- * EFMD annual conference, Budapest
- * Sheffield Hallam University
- * HEA/NUS conferences, London and Manchester
- * University of Queensland
- * University of the Sunshine Coast
- * Griffith University
- * QAA Advisory Group