

Aims of TRAC Development Group (TDG)

This includes producing the TRAC Guidance. The group's activities are funded by the Office for Students, Scottish Funding Council, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Department for the Economy (Northern Ireland) and UK Research and Innovation. The TDG aims to embed the principles of the Transparent Approach to Costing (TRAC) throughout the UK higher education sector, and ensure that TRAC and any associated methodologies are fit for use by funding bodies and by institutions. The group works with a range of organisations, but in particular aims to serve the interests of TRAC practitioners, policy and strategic managers at institutions, and funding organisations. TDG forms part of a two-tier structure that governs financial sustainability in the HE sector, supporting the Financial Sustainability Strategy Group (FSSG).

Abilities and expertise

1. Interest in and understanding of the academic and financial sustainability issues and challenges facing higher education and the Government's or Devolved Administrations' higher education priorities.
2. An understanding of the current institutional accountability frameworks and an interest in contributing to its development in the interests of funding and regulatory bodies, other stakeholders and institutions.
3. A broad strategic view of higher education, with an understanding of how TRAC Development Group's functions can add value to the management of individual institutions and the sustainability of the higher education sector.
4. Comfortable with the technical policies associated with TRAC.
5. An understanding of the way strategic financial and other information is used within higher education institutions and by funders, regulators and government.

Membership

Independent members are expected to attend three meetings of the TRAC Development Group during the year, in Central London. In addition, members may participate in other TDG-led events or working groups. The appointments are unpaid but members may claim travelling and subsistence expenses.

TRAC Development Group



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