

As noted in the ministerial foreword to the SA Framework for the Development Strong and Effective Students' Associations in Scotland 'it makes sense for colleges to support vibrant, autonomous and thriving students' associations, given how integral they are to college's mission to deliver positive outcomes for students'. The SA is involved in all aspects of the learner's journey throughout college; from application to graduation we are there to support our students at every point. Alongside ensuring the quality of learning experience through representative and engagement work, the extra-curricular offering from the Students' Association helps to foster confidence in individuals and builds the skills they need to progress onto their next steps. This will become more prominent as we respond to the challenges of a post-COVID and post-Brexit landscape.

Led by students, and influenced by the needs of our members, Students' Associations have a view which is unique within each college. Due to this we agree with NUS Scotland's statement that 'It is crucial that the Scottish Government and our institutions continue to recognise the key role they play in delivering a strong student experience and student voice at institutions across Scotland and ensure that they are properly resourced.'

The FCSA are keen to note that we work well with Fife College and expect to be fully involved with discussions going forward, and we hope this is an approach taken by all institutions and SAs across Scotland.