



SINCE APRIL 2020...

THE EXECUTIVE HAS MET WITH:

- Paul Feldman, Chief Executive, Jisc, and Jon Baldwin, Managing Director, Higher Education, Jisc
- Andy Shenstone, Director of Business Development and Delivery, AdvanceHE
- Alistair Jarvis, Chief Executive, UUK
- Michael Queen, Chair, CUC



23

REGIONAL MEETINGS
HAVE TAKEN PLACE,
ATTENDED BY
319 MEMBERS

18 LIAISON MEETINGS
HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

- 3 with DfE
- 3 with OfS
- 7 with UKRI
- 3 with UUK
- 2 with UUK and CUC

AS WELL AS
2 MEETINGS OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS
WORKING GROUPS

ONE CONFERENCE HAS
TAKEN PLACE, ONLINE, ON
27 NOVEMBER ATTRACTING
70 DELEGATES



12 ONLINE EVENTS
HAVE TAKEN PLACE
ATTRACTING 426
DELEGATES

AHUA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE INPUT TO:

- UUK roundtable on data sharing
- OfS guidance on reportable events pre consultation
- UUK response to DfE on IHRA definition
- OfS on teaching funding
- OfS on 'Start to Success' metric
- Additional meetings with UKRI's Executive Director for Strategy and her team

(THESE ARE JUST A SAMPLE, THERE'S A LOT MORE BESIDES!)



THE EXECUTIVE HAS WELCOMED:

- Nicola Owen as AHUA Chair
- Mike Shore-Nye as AHUA Deputy Chair
- James Rolfe and Paula Sanderson as Nationally Elected Members
- Joanne Clague, as co-optee
- The re-appointment of David Duncan and June Hughes for second terms as AHUA Deputy Chair (Devolved Regions) and Regional Convenor for the AHUA Midlands group, respectively

THE EXECUTIVE HAS
SAID GOODBYE TO:

- Lee Sanders, former AHUA Chair
- Brendan Casey, former Nationally Elected Member
- Niamh Lamond, former co-optee



31,509
VISITS
TO THE
WEBSITE



12
MEMBERS
JOINED A
LEARNING SET

2

ITERATIONS OF
AHUA'S NEW
SECRETARIES
PROGRAMME
INVOLVING 32
PARTICIPANTS



46
BLOG
POSTS
PUBLISHED



25
INDIVIDUAL
COACHING
SESSIONS





ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

NICOLA OWEN,
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (OPERATIONS),
LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

APRIL 2021

This time last year, COVID-19 was something most of us had only vaguely heard of – a virus affecting a city in China and seemingly little to do with us. Just a few weeks later however, as we now know so well, everyone's world was turned upside down as the UK went into lockdown for the first time.

Organisations had to move rapidly, introducing new ways of working - if staff were able to work at all; many people had to learn quickly about online platforms, virtual meetings and how to juggle working from home with schooling their children.

The AHUA has of course been equally affected by the pandemic. Associations, by their very nature, are communities that thrive when their members interact, usually and most effectively, in person. Colleagues and the office team have worked hard to re-create these in person experiences as well as they can by providing opportunities for members to engage in new and innovative ways. We hope these and our other services have sustained you and given you opportunities to exchange information and get support with the huge range of new challenges thrown up by the pandemic.

The Infographic on the reverse presents the range of activities that we have undertaken since April 2020. It documents all our new online activities including webinars, online conferences and podcasts, our development activities, including the launch of a new programme for Secretaries, plus the huge number of initiatives that AHUA members have input to through working and steering groups. We have also switched our Executive, liaison and regional meetings to online platforms and continued to meet regularly there.

None of this would have been possible without the support and commitment of a great number of members and associates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have worked with me and the AHUA office during my first year as Chair to effect these changes. These include in particular the AHUA's coaches, Programme Directors, Development Consultant, Robin Henderson, and Pickle Jar Communications. And of course to the AHUA Office, Catherine and Tracey for their tireless support, creativity and good humour during what has also been a testing time for them to adjust to.

I would also like to thank the AHUA's Executive officers for their wise counsel and commitment particularly to attending our regular liaison meetings with UUK, OfS, DfE and UKRI. It would be fair to say that we are seen, by all the above parties, as valuable sounding boards and key partners. Thank you to the officers for their insightful comments and willingness to engage.

I am currently in the middle of undertaking a virtual 'road trip' of the AHUA's regional groups. I am hugely impressed by the time and effort that goes into organising these meetings by the Regional Convenors. The groups are vitally important to the relevance and usefulness of the AHUA, particularly during these current difficulties, and we are extremely grateful to the Convenors for their commitment to organising meetings.

I would also like to thank our national sponsors, Mills & Reeve, Anderson Strathern and Carson McDowell, who have supported the Association not only financially but also through their input to conferences and regional events, giving the benefit of their vast experience in the sector. I am delighted that they have agreed to sponsor us for a second term from May 2021.

And finally, thank you for your continued support. It has been a privilege to lead the Association which wouldn't exist without you, the members. In these challenging times, membership of the AHUA is probably even more important as we exchange experience, learn from each other but most of all, find support and encouragement from our peers.

So, here's to the vaccine, to a return to being able to meet in person at AHUA conferences and events - and to much, much less screen time!