

HUBS is a Special Interest Group of the Royal Society of Biology.

Our vision is of a connected and evidence informed higher education bioscience community, who champion and influence university bioscience education, policy, research and knowledge exchange.

Our mission is

- to be the leading voice for the biosciences Higher Education providers
- to support members and the wider community in addressing challenges of an evolving higher education landscape
- to connect globally, with HUBS as the leading voice in the biosciences, influencing and contributing to the latest thinking and enabling access to specialised resources
- to be a source of informed comment on consultations on relevant policy that affects Higher Education providers
- to increase the profile and relevance of the biosciences and HUBS in the wider HE sector

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We will

- Be a vital source of information regarding the latest national and relevant international political agendas in HE to support the formulation of institutional strategies
- Inform the Royal Society of Biology responses to policy consultations relevant to HUBS members, drawing on the expertise of the HUBS membership
- Work with the Royal Society of Biology to develop horizon scanning mechanisms and build relationships with policy-makers and policy-influencers

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We will

- Organise meetings of HUBS to facilitate networking and discuss current issues and policies relevant to the biosciences including learning and teaching, research, employability and internationalisation
- Promote and support workshops to disseminate good practice in learning and teaching and support the Higher Education Biosciences Teacher of the Year Award
- Continue to strengthen relationships between HUBS, RSB member organisations, learned societies and other key stakeholders in the biosciences
- Support the work of the Early Career Lecturers Forum by providing networking opportunities for early career lecturers and feeding their views into the work of HUBS

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- Promote the benefits and significance of HUBS membership and increase membership across the sector of institutions offering bioscience programmes and/or training
- Promote relevant continuing professional development activities including those of the Royal Society of Biology to support and develop staff
- Continue to create content to disseminate in the HE Newsletter
- Promote the External Examiner database
- Expand the HE OER resources via the Advance HE Connect platform and promote its' use
- Support the Early Career Lecturers in Biosciences advisory group to develop and disseminate resources to support early career lecturers in universities.