

# International perspectives and Australian initiatives

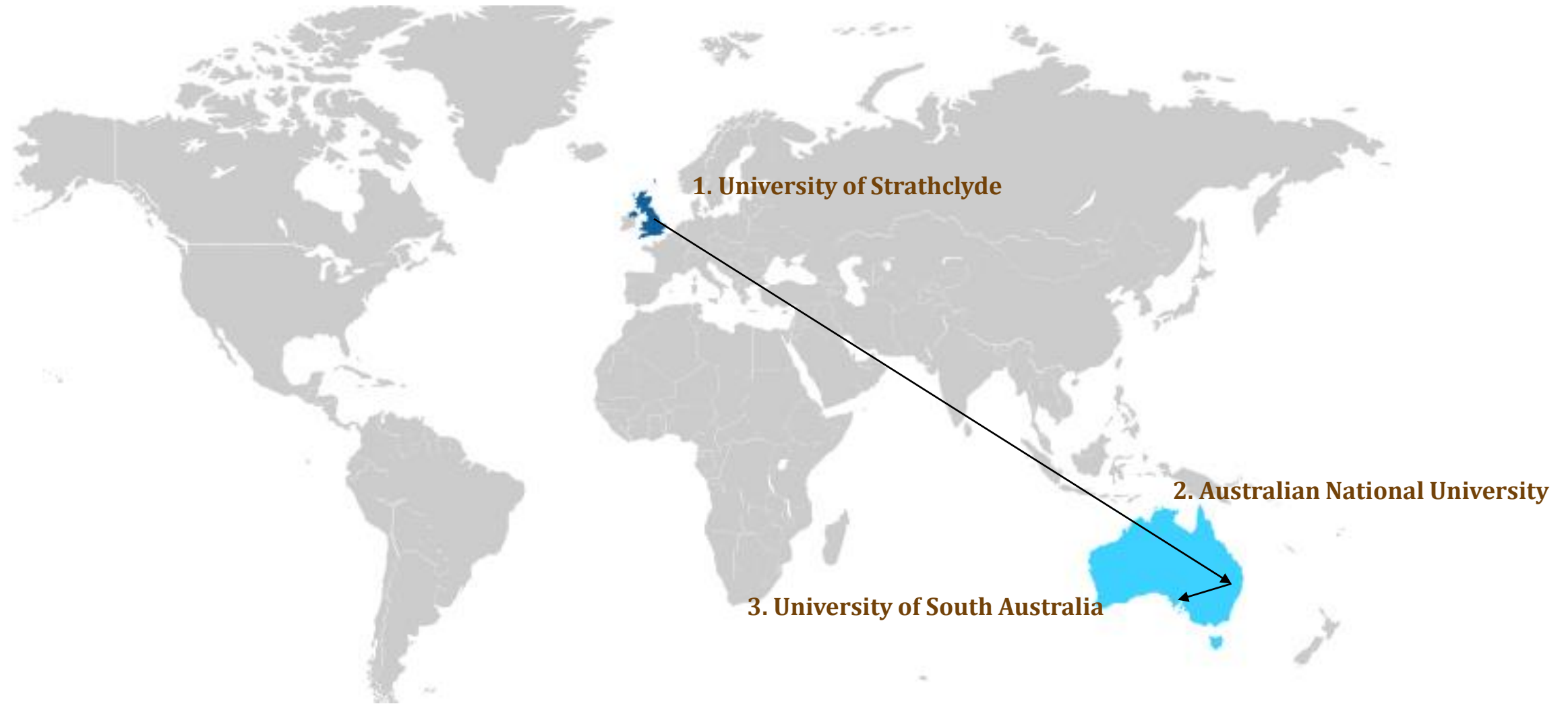
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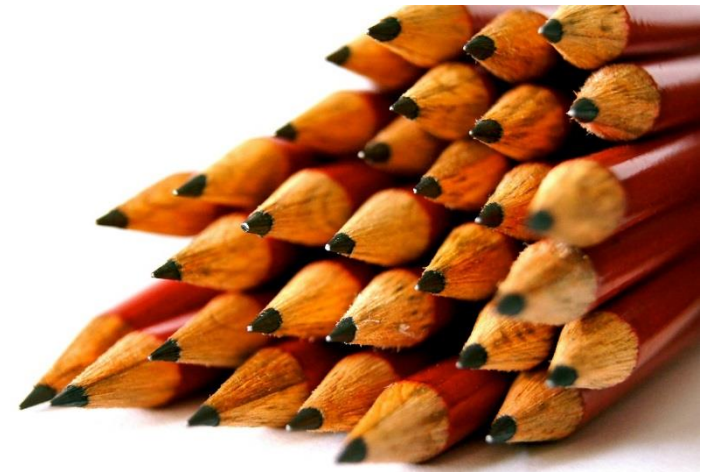
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# My Professional Journey



# Outline

- ❖ **Student Engagement in UK**
- ❖ **My Experience in Australia**
- ❖ **Student Perceptions**
- ❖ **What's happening at UniSA**
- ❖ **Conclusion**



# Student Engagement in UK

*“Student engagement is concerned with the interaction between the time, effort and other relevant resources invested by both students and their institutions intended to optimise the student experience and enhance the learning outcomes and development of students and the performance, and reputation of the institution” (Trowler & Trowler , 2010)*

- **Partnership** – Student voices in the governance and decision making
- **Student Experience** – Added value

*To engender a sense of connection and belonging with the University*

# OBJECTIVES



**Engaging learning experience**

**Embed student voices**

**Improve student satisfaction**

**Enhance staff and student interactions**

**Empower students to lead and succeed**

**Create a culture to nurture in a safe environment**

# Student Partnership In Quality Scotland (SPARQS)

Create shared understanding of themes to provide basis for current practices whilst supporting future developments across all areas of student engagement



*Figure 1: Five key elements of Student Engagement*

# SPARQS- 6 features of effective engagement

<b>A culture of engagement</b>	<b>Students as partners</b>	<b>Responding to diversity</b>
<b>Valuing the student contribution</b>	<b>Focus on enhancement and change</b>	<b>Appropriate resources and support</b>

*Figure 2: Six Features of Effective Engagement*



# My Experience in Australia

- 'Student as Partners'
- Student Voices
- Whole of University Approach
- Student Communication
- Defined Purposes and Principles





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**“Work in partnership  
with students to support  
them in defining their  
student experience”**



# UniJam @ UniSA

- A first for any university in the world – it was also the first time the UniSA community had been so widely consulted since the University was founded.
- [Real and Virtual Engagement](#)
- 8,000 people (approx) from 56 countries registered for UniJam and across the 38 hours of the event more than 1,300 conversation threads were initiated.
- University's Strategic Action Plan – Crossing the Horizon.

# Student Engagement Framework



**BY STUDENTS, FOR STUDENTS**

**PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION**

**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

# Its time to be Creative...

- Keep it Real; a student informed model
- Reach out to students i.e. where they are
- Use technology and metrics to our advantage
- Diverse student cohort; an opportunity to innovate!
- Reinventing what we do