

SCAPP Evaluation and Research Working Group Vacancy

In 2020-21 several working groups were established to take forward the key objectives of SCAPP, including the Evaluation and Research Working Group for which a vacancy has become available.

Role and Remit: To develop the capacity of practitioners working in the field of widening access to utilise evaluation and research to provide:

- Better outcomes for students who are engaged with widening access activities
- Better understanding for practitioners, funders and stakeholders of what works in the field of widening access
- Understanding of effective implementation of projects and programmes
- Development of professional development capacity in evaluation for practitioners
- Information and research on the field, so that practitioners can develop capacity to further develop widening access research
- A focus on enhancing current work, for example developing effective frameworks for evaluation and with an increasing focus on online evaluation as a result of Covid-19
- Development of links with practitioners and researchers
- Sharing practice widely via events

Key outcomes from this group include the <u>Directory of Practice and Expertise</u>, <u>the Guide Evaluation</u> Guide and the Evaluation Matters Community of Practice.

The Current chair is Kenny Anderson SWAP West and Vice Chair is Alison Browitt, University of Glasgow.

Applications can be drawn from any part of the SCAPP community but applicants with a background in WP research/evaluation activity from an HEI, college or sector organisation are particularly welcome.

Please note, involvement in working groups is unpaid. Staff should seek support from their line managers where relevant, in advance of applying. Typically, there are 3-4 meetings per year. Members (where appropriate) are expected to take forward any relevant actions or activities between meetings to support the work of the group and SCAPP.

How to apply:

If you would like to be considered for this vacancy please provide a short (200 words) summary of your experience in WP evaluation/research and why you would like to be involved in the work of the group, outlining any relevant skills and experience. This should be submitted by Friday 28th June 5pm to scapp@stir.ac.uk

If you would like further information about this or to discuss it informally, please contact Muriel Alexander in the first instance Muriel.alexander@stir.ac.uk

Selection process:

In order to achieve a balance of sectoral representation, once received submissions will be anonymised and details redacted to enable a fair and transparent selection process. All applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their application.