



Higher Education Design Quality Forum

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Dear Colleagues,

HEDQF Planning in Uncertain Times!

First and foremost, I do hope you and yours are keeping well and that you are coping with the 'new normal' both in your working and home lives?

Given the unprecedented situation I thought it would be helpful if I was to give you a brief update on how HEDQF is managing in the current circumstances.

In terms of events you will see that we have postponed the international study trip to Zurich due to be held on 14/15 May but we will seek to reschedule this for the Spring of next year. Our other reference visits during March – June, have been similarly disrupted and we are making arrangements to hold these from September onwards. HEDQF's Annual Conference on Designing the Zero Carbon University, which was scheduled for 19 June, has also been postponed until September of this year subject to venue availability.

Whilst the physical events have been put in abeyance our research arm continues apace with the write-up and analysis of the 'Student-Life' opinion survey, currently with the graphic designers aiming to be available by the end of April. The Research Group have also commissioned the next survey which seeks student views of sustainable design, the aim was to share the results at the conference. Research group are in discussion with the Events Group about opportunities to disseminate the findings online

HEDQF has been prudent in its financial planning and is in a strong position to weather the current difficulties and I am confident we will remain at the forefront of HE design thought leadership in the post COVID-19 environment. I will endeavour to keep you updated as hopefully the situation improves and we return to some semblance of normality. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and healthy Easter break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian S. Robinson', written in a cursive style.

Julian S Robinson
Chair HEDQF