



# THINKING EMPLOYMENT?

## THE BUSINET STUDENT CONFERENCE

Edinburgh 24-28 November 2019

### STAFF INFORMATION

Businet has hosted a student conference annually since 1997. The event was referred to as the Unité student conference. Over the years the content and venue have been changed but the concept of bringing students from different countries and institutes together to network and learn has not changed. In 2017 a review of the venue and programme led to the further evolution of the event.

Previously the Unite Conference explored Employability Skills and Cultural Awareness. 2018 saw the evolution of the programme. The 2019 programme will;

- identify and explore **Employability Skills**,
- encourage **Reflective Thinking**,
- provide the opportunity to sample **Experiential Learning**, and
- introduce the concept of **Emotional Intelligence**.
- assist students to identify and develop skills and self awareness through **reflection**.

Accompanying staff are requested NOT to concentrate solely on their own students, or organise activities for their students alone, outside of the main programme.

Students are placed in small groups with students from other institutes and countries. Accompanying staff are asked **to act as mentors for groups** allocated to them. Accompanying staff are therefore requested to **attend the same working sessions** as their allocated groups

There are 110 places available. Up to 30 September there will be a maximum of 5 home students per institute, plus up to 5 "guest" students from outside of the home country, currently studying at your institute. If places are still available at 30 September that allocation will increase.

I learned many useful things for my career and it was a great experience for me personally, because it also challenged me to leave my comfort zone. Thank you for this.

## **The Event**

**Businet Student Conference**

## **The Dates**

**14.00 on Sunday 24 November to**

**13.00 on Thursday 28 November, 2019**

## **Location of Accommodation**

The Old Waverley Hotel, plus one other centrally located property, in Edinburgh

## **Location of Activities**

The Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

Royal Society of Edinburgh

A location which is to be agreed for the experiential learning exercise

## **Target Students**

Level 5 students (EQF) studying any discipline.

## **Cost**

**€520** Which includes

- 4 nights in a centrally located 3 star hotel in a single room basis.
- breakfast
- one evening meal
- visit to Edinburgh castle (optional)