



## University of Edinburgh Schools Outreach

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## Schools Outreach

- Context
- University of Edinburgh examples
- Good practice

## Schools Outreach



- WP/ recruitment contexts
- National/regional initiatives: wider access regional forums ([www.snap.ac.uk](http://www.snap.ac.uk))
- Institutional/local activity
- Schools based/community based/on campus
- UoE Colleges and Schools increased involvement

## SRA Schools Outreach: 40 UoE Subject areas

Archaeology	Economics	Japanese	Politics
Architecture	Engineering	Law	Psychology
Biological Sciences	English Lit	Linguistics	Scottish Ethnology
Biomedical Sciences	English Language	Maths	Scottish History
Celtic	French	Medicine	Social Anthropology
Chemistry	Geosciences	Music	Social Policy
Chinese	History of Art	Norwegian	Social Work
Classics	Informatics	Nursing	Sociology
Danish	Islamic studies	Philosophy	Swedish
Divinity	Italian	Physics (+ Sci Fun)	Vet medicine

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## Current Activity (see handouts)



Pathways to the Professions: *Opening the doors to Law, Medicine and Vet Medicine*

- Support from S4-U1 including science study support/work observation
- 600+ students registered: also engages parents (mailings via home)
- Admissions strand/links with other projects
- Engagement of professional bodies
- Development op for schools and careers staff
- Tracking shows impact on recruitment to other subject areas esp sciences
- Model for other subject areas/institutions

## Early Years Work



This work engages pupils aged 10-12 from local low participation neighbourhoods. There are 2 projects:

- Primary School Initiative: P6/P7 : 9 feeder primaries = 400+ pupils
- 8 week Summer Community Education Programme: S1/S2 Wester Hailes and Liberton High School

## Football and Education

Innovative way to engage boys aged 13-16 with education

- Pilot Work with Ayr United and Musselburgh Windsor
- Member of SFA steering group/SYFA
- Bid to expand to FE partners and more clubs



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## Other Outreach Activities

- School Visits/Workshops/Lectures
- Residential Easter School: S2
- 'Kickstart' Summer Programmes: S5/6
- LEAPS
- South East Access Forum Outreach project: Forth Valley and Borders
- Lift off: Fife and Tayside Outreach
- WHAP
- FE College Links
- Moving On: transition course
- Mentoring

## Good practice



- Collaboration/communication with existing provision : institutions/region/schools
- Local education authorities on side
- Parents/Advisers/Communities
- Current students are role models for HE in general whatever the subject
- Generic information/ice breakers
- Publicity: Maths made BBC and the Scotsman recently!

# SRA Facts and Figures

**53** = number of days at UK regional Higher Education Conventions attended by SRA staff. 11 took place in Scotland, and staff travelled as far afield as Belfast and Bath!

SRA spoke at **20** parents' evenings and or training events for teachers and careers advisers

**5** Parents information sessions attracting **850+**

**350+** individual student visits were coordinated by SRA in 2005, as well as 8 group visits for **250** students.

SRA staff dealt with approx **15,000** email & phone enquiries from potential students & their advisers

The University was also **101** represented at Scottish school evening careers conventions

**12 days** spent touring schools in Cumbria, Northern Ireland, and the Highland region promoting Scottish HE, in collaboration with other institutions.

The number of potential students, parents & advisers welcomed onto the University campus for 3 Open Days:

**14,500**

**115** = number of presentations given to potential university students in their schools

Ran general sessions for 3 CHSS Post Application Visits which attracted up to **1500** people

**1000+** students and parents participated in tours of the University organised by SRA

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