Community Engagement Strategy Consultation Event

04/12/19

Reflections and Actions

Thank you to all the members of the local community who attended our consultation event in December. We would particularly like to pass on our gratitude for your open and informed approach to our questions, which we will now use to inform our new strategy.

Reflections

A number of key themes became clear during the consultation, along with suggestions from the community for the future. These were:

- **Integration**: The University as part of the community, not separate from it.
- **Building and development**: The University’s Estates projects involving the community. Taking demographics and other socioeconomic factors into account in decision-making.
- **Culture and tourism**: A socially responsible approach to cultural events such as the Fringe and Edinburgh International Festival.
- **Widespread engagement**: Engage with geographic communities close to our campuses; but also insecure communities elsewhere in the City Region.
- **Staff and students**: The social makeup of the University’s staff and students – short-term residents or long-term contributors?
- **The University in the community**: Facilitating knowledge exchange and other connections between staff and students and local residents.
- **Widening participation**: The University providing more access routes for under-represented groups.

Actions

We will continue to review community feedback as we progress with our new Strategy. This is a conversation we want to keep going throughout the process, and plan to hold another consultation event where will share the latest updates and invite comment on Friday 27 March, 9.45am-12.45pm, at a University venue to be confirmed.

Thank you again for your contribution to our new strategy and we look forward to your continued involvement.