

Committee update: Shaping the future of engineering education and how to get involved

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The Engineering Professors' Council's (EPC) Education, Employability & Skills (EES) Committee met on 28th July 2026. We reviewed updates on ongoing projects, welcomed new members, and agreed key strategic actions.

Here are the vital highlights and open opportunities for you to get involved.

Committee & community news

- **New Members:** Nia Owen (Cardiff University), Gary Wood (NMITE), and Scott Stratchan (University of Strathclyde) joined.
- **Leadership Change:** Beverley Gibbs steps down as Chair following her election as EPC Vice-President/President-Elect.
- **New Chair:** Abel Nyamapfene (current Vice-Chair) steps up immediately.
- **Vacancy:** Actively seeking a new Committee Vice-Chair.
- **Membership Review:** Project drawing to a successful conclusion.

Key project milestones

- **Toolkits Shift:** Legacy toolkits (e.g. Accreditation and QA Toolkit; Degree Apprenticeships Toolkit; Placements Toolkit) now coming under EES umbrella. Approved new toolkit lead role descriptor
- **Curriculum Lead:** Faith Nightingale heads Curriculum Development & Innovation Toolkit; plans and approach were reviewed and endorsed after some discussion on sequencing and a team approach.
- **Emerging Stronger AI Edition:** Webinar phase completed and calls for practice case studies and student voice launched. Steering group formed, will meet in coming weeks.
 - **Employer AI Insights:** Task group forming to solicit industry practice and input, which in turn will inform educational practice.
- **AI Practice Network:** Convening new 'AI in engineering education' informal network in response to member requests.
- **Neuro-Inclusion Maturity Framework,** an EPC campaign headed by Stella Fowler. Report drafted for September launch. EPC will be looking for 3 institutions to informally self-assess against the framework over the Summer period.
- **Change Leadership:** This recognises that change management skills in staff at the levels up to and including programme leadership can often be informal and instinctive, and we believe structured support in this space would help colleagues be more impactful in their practice. We had hoped to find sponsorship for a bootcamp, but had not been successful, so now plan to roll this work into the Leadership and Professional Development Toolkit that will be opened up for renewed leadership imminently

How you can get involved today (contact admin@epc.ac.uk to follow up)

- EES Committee members:
 - Run for Vice-Chair: Submit expressions of interest.
 - Co-ordinate Toolkit Leads: Submit expression of interest
- EPC Members:
 - Toolkits Leadership: Volunteer for a toolkit leadership role.
 - Gather Employer Input: Join the Employer AI survey & report group.
 - Convene AI Network: Apply to lead the network.
 - Test Neuro-Inclusion Maturity Framework: Self-assess your institution this summer and provide feedback ahead of launch
 - Share Your AI Practice: [submit a case study](#) for the publication
 - Get Your Students Involved in the AI Conversation: Share the [submission link](#) with your students and encourage them to submit. Prizes!
 - Observe Next Meeting: Contact Rhian Todd for 6th October at noon