

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

Scotland's Futures Forum was created by the Scottish Parliament to help its Members, along with policy makers, businesses, academics, and the wider community of Scotland, look beyond immediate horizons, to some of the challenges and opportunities we will face in the future. Looking beyond the 4 year electoral cycle and away from party politics, the forum seeks to stimulate public debate in Scotland, bringing fresh perspectives, ideas and creativity on how we might prepare now for the future.

The aim of the **Scottish Universities Insight Institute** is to provide fresh insights into substantial issues facing Scotland. The Institute's programmes draw on multi-discipline research based knowledge and the knowledge and experience of those in the public, private and third sectors. A particular objective is to deploy and get added value from research in which society has invested while strengthening partnerships between academics, policymakers and practitioners.

The Forum and the Institute recognise their similar objectives but also the different resources on which the two organisations can most easily draw. The Forum and the Institute therefore agree to co-operate and collaborate and, in particular:

- To liaise on their planned activities in order to identify synergies and to avoid any unproductive overlap
- That the Forum will support dissemination of thinking from Institute programmes to Members of the Parliament and to wider groups with whom the Forum works,
- That the Institute will seek to facilitate universities' involvement in programmes of work led by the Forum,
- That the Institute will host seminars bringing the work of the Forum to a wider audience,
- To make public the existence of this agreement.