**Electronics Watch**

**Scotland's Universities and Colleges become the first full sector in any country to become members of Electronics Watch.**

Electronic Watch is an independent monitoring organisation that assists public sector buyers to meet their responsibility to protect the labour rights of workers in their global electronics supply chains more effectively and less expensively than any single public sector buyer could accomplish on its own.

All 44 Universities and Colleges in Scotland (19 HEIs and 25 FEIs) have become full affiliate members of Electronics Watch, facilitated via their membership of APUC. This is the first time a whole sector of public bodies in a country has joined Electronics Watch in its entirety, and demonstrates the push within the sector in Scotland to achieve a transparent and fair supply chain for the products sourced. The Scottish HE/FE sector was fundamental in the establishment of EW, with University of Edinburgh, University of Aberdeen and APUC all being Founder Members of the organisation.

This joined up, collaborative approach enables all APUC Members to reap the benefits of EW membership and provides a strong collective push on electronic industry brands to improve labour conditions in their supply chains.

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