

NUS Conferences

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the largest democratic student organisation in Europe, which represents students on a national level, and lobbies the Government and universities on a wide range of issues such as tuition fees, teaching standards and discrimination. It has achieved a number of notable successes in its history, for example, securing an exemption from paying Council Tax for students. You can find out more information about NUS here: <https://www.nus.org.uk/> .



There are two NUS Conferences that take place each year – the National Conference, and the Liberation Conference. This year, both conferences will be taking place in Liverpool in Spring 2022:

- National Conference – Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th March 2022
- Liberation Conference – Wednesday 30th – Thursday 31st March 2022

However, the elections for Delegates for these Conferences will take place during Autumn Elections.

A full list of available positions is provided below:

National Conference Delegate (10 places)

- NUS National Conference Delegates will represent UoB students on a national level. They will take one policy idea to be debated at the Conference.
- Policy passed at last year's conference included policies on mental health, cost of living, Erasmus+ and fees and finance.



- The National Conference is a really good opportunity to network with delegates from other Student Unions and share ideas.
- Any registered student can apply for this role, but you must also be available for the relevant conference dates to apply.
- In line with NUS policy, 50% (rounded down) of the delegation must be self-defining women; this is to ensure the delegation is gender balanced.

NUS Liberation Conference Delegate (6 places)



- NUS Liberation Conference Delegates will represent UoB students who self-identify with one of the following 5 liberation groups - also on a national level.
- These liberation groups are black students, black woman students, woman students, LGBT+ students, trans students and disabled students. The six Delegate roles are:
 - Black Student x2 (including one black woman student)
 - Woman Student
 - LGBT+ Student
 - Trans Student
 - Disabled Student
- You must self-identify with one of these positions in order to apply. You must also be available for the relevant conference dates to apply.
- The Liberation Conference is also a really good opportunity to network with delegates from other Unions and share ideas.

Policy Making at NUS Conferences

The work of the NUS is directed by policies, which are submitted by Student Unions. Each Student Union can submit one policy, which should be written in plain English. More information about the format and content of policies will be available at a later date.

Support During NUS Conferences

For both NUS Conferences, Delegates are able to take an enabler with them, who can provide support to the Delegate during the Conference.