

## NUS Conference Delegates

### Role Description

#### NUS National Conferences Delegates

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the largest democratic student organisation in Europe, working to represent students on a national level, lobbying the Government and universities on a wide-range of issues including tuition fees, teaching standards and liberation. It has achieved a number of notable successes over its history, including 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 Liberation Conference. This year, both conferences will be taking place in Liverpool in Spring 2020:

- National Conference – 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Liberation Conference – 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

However, the elections for Delegates for these conferences will take place in Autumn.

A full list of available positions is provided below.

#### National Conference Delegate (9 positions available)

NUS National Conference Delegates will represent UoB students on a national level. They will take three policy ideas to be debated at the conference.

Policy passed at last year's conference included a commitment to supporting Carer Leaver students in Higher Education (submitted by last year's UoB Guild President!), ending the student mental health crisis, and declaring a climate emergency.

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. 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 five 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 thus are:

- Black Student x2 (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 and be no longer than 700 words. The submission should be in two parts, identifying the issue and identifying how we think the issues should be solved.