

## So what the hell is an NUS Conference Delegate?

NUS is the national body for students and Students' Unions and each year Worcester Students' Union pay an affiliation fee to be members of NUS (voted for in our Annual General Meetings). National Conference is NUS' sovereign decision-making body. It meets once a year for three days. This year's Conference will take place in Brighton from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>st</sup> April 2017. It is a chance for all SUs to be represented and so, as an NUS Conference delegate, you will be voting on behalf of Worcester students.



The purpose of the conference is to:

- Democratically debate motions and pass policy from students unions across the UK
- Hold current leadership to account for their work over the past year
- Discuss, amend and approve policy reports from each of the five Zones (key areas NUS works on)
- Adopt decisions made by each of the Nations, Student Sections and Liberation Campaigns
- Elect and appoint people to various committees, trustee board and student leadership positions
- Hold an AGM, receiving the annual report and accounts and approving the budget for the coming year

Unions across the country are allocated spaces for the conference according to student numbers at their institutions. Worcester Students' Union has three allocated spaces for 2017. One space is reserved for the current President and the other two taken by University of Worcester students elected by cross-campus ballot. **In order to comply with a resolution passed at the 2014 conference, at least one of our three delegates must self-identify as a woman and all those attending must be elected to do so by their fellow students.** Attending NUS Conference is quite an experience – a great mix of serious business, inspiring speakers, lively debates and brilliant night-time events too!

This is a great opportunity to get involved with the student movement at a time of significant change and political challenge. Delegates will have all of their expenses paid and will be expected to report back on their experiences.

***Please note you do not have to stand for any other elected positions in order to stand as an NUS delegate, but a candidate for a full-time officer role may also choose to stand as a conference delegate.***

***Candidates standing for both a full time officer position and as an NUS conference delegate will have additional budget allocated.***

You can find information on the conference at <http://conference.nusconnect.org.uk/>

