

## **Liberation Conference**

### 1. Background

1.1. Every year, the National Union of Students holds a series of conferences in which students who self-define into NUS's liberation campaigns can attend. These conferences pass policy, help decide the direction for each national liberation campaign for the year, and elect the officer who will lead the campaign.

1.2. This year, in order to save money, NUS have decided to hold a single liberation conference for all campaigns which will then break out into the individual campaign groups.

1.3. The campaign groups are as follows:

- Black (NUS use Black to mean students from African, Asian, Arab and Caribbean heritage)
- Trans
- LGBT+
- Disabled
- Women

### 2. Delegate Entitlement

2.1. All unions are allowed to send one student who self-defines into each group plus an additional place for a student who identifies as a black woman. This doesn't mean the delegate for the Black Students' Campaign has to identify as a man, it just means that if we send two delegates, at least one of them must identify as a woman.

2.2. Delegates that self-define into multiple liberation groups may participate, vote, speak and contribute to any of the groups they are eligible to attend.

2.3. NUS Liberation officers have urged Unions this year to prioritise the participation of Black Students (particularly Black Women) and Disabled Students. Therefore we



have been asked to prioritise these places when sending delegates. If we are unable to do this we'll be asked to indicate this as part of the registration process and to let NUS know why we are unable to fill these spaces.

### 3. Details

- 3.1. The conference will take place across three days, from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- 3.2. This year, the conference is being held in Southport (North-West England, near Blackpool, Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston).
- 3.3. When we send delegates to conferences, we allow food budget however lunch is usually included and often, the hotel cost will include breakfast. The allocation per meal is below.

Breakfast	£6.95
Lunch	£8.85
Dinner	£14.75

- 3.4. The cost of the conference will be ~£180 + travel which can be applied for from the Exec conference budget.

### 4. Proposal

- 4.1. As the Union's representatives, I would like to give you the first opportunity to express interest in delegate places.
- 4.2. If we have more than one member of Exec express interest for the same delegate place, we will move to a system whereby interested individuals should tell us in no more than 500 words why they would like to be a Liberation Conference Delegate.

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