|  |
| --- |
| Voter Registration Competition |
|  |
| Apply now for voter registration competition for 2016 elections This year will be another big year for democracy, with a range of elections coming up including the National Assembly for Wales Election, Police and Crime Commissioner and the possibility of an EU Referendum. So NUS Wales is giving away £5,000 to students’ unions to help get their students registered to vote. |

### What are the conditions and who can apply?

Funding is available to any students’ union or student club or society whose students can vote in any of the following 2016 elections in Wales;

* National Assembly for Wales
* Police and Crime Commissioner
* EU Referendum

All applications must demonstrate how they will increase levels of voter registration amongst their student body, with a particular focus on targeting students who are statistically [less likely to be registered to vote](https://www.ipsos-mori.com/researchpublications/researcharchive/3575/How-Britain-voted-in-2015.aspx?view=wide) or to vote. This includes;

* Students aged 18 - 24
* Black students
* Women students
* Disabled students
* LGBT+ students
* Students living in remote areas with poor transport links
* Students living in the private rented sector
* Students who are British citizens living abroad
* Students who are Commonwealth and EU citizens
* Students who are classified as social grade DE

We especially welcome applications that focus on constituencies with large numbers of or high proportions of students. The competition is open to affiliates and non-affiliates of NUS.

Your activities can take place any time between now and the election(s) you’re working on in 2016, if you wish to hold your activity on 5th February (National Voter Registration day) please make this clear in your application, we will be able to reimburse costs incurred if we are unable to process your award before this. Unions must invoice NUS Wales ASAP as funds must be distributed before the end of the financial year.

More details on the terms and conditions of the competition can be found in the application form [here](http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/resources/voter-reg-application-form-en)

### What can students’ unions do to promote voter registration?

In the run up to the 2015 General Election the impressive hard work of scores of students’ unions around the UK saw more than 100,000 students register to vote through #GenerationVote.

Get some inspiration from the impressive range of SUs voter registration activities over the past year are available on NUS Connect.

### How do I apply?

[Complete this short application form](http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/resources/voter-reg-application-form-en) and send to [claire.oshea@nus.org.uk](mailto:claire.oshea@nus.org.uk) by 5pm 26th January.

### When should my activities be?

Your activities can take place any time between now and the election(s) you’re working on in 2016.

You may want to consider focusing your activities around:

* National Voter Registration Day
* Voter registration deadline 18th
* The actual date of the election you’re working on
* Any existing key dates in your union or institution’s calendar

### What are we looking for?

All successful bids must do the following;

* Focus on promoting voter registration amongst students of your institution
* Register students to vote
* Get students thinking about politics, citizenship and the election
* Promote good use of the #GenerationVote and #NVRD brand

We particularly welcome innovative voter registration activity in relation to;

* Student swing seats and areas of high student populations
* Any particular Better Education. Better Society asks \*link\*
* Partnerships between students’ unions in the same constituencies
* Getting students to consider politics more widely
* Working with student societies or other student groups
* Working with local community groups

English and Welsh #GenerationVote materials will be sent out to you at the beginning of February regardless of your participation in this competition, there will also be plenty of resources and briefing sheets made available to you on our Assembly Election website.

Please contact [claire.oshea@nus-wales.org.uk](mailto:claire.oshea@nus-wales.org.uk) for further information relating to materials.

### Key conditions:

* All winning unions must write an article for nusconnect.org.uk
* All winning unions must take photos and any ways of recording their activities (e.g. vlogs) to be used for promotional purposes
* You cannot apply for any more than £1000
* Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstance
* Payment to winners will be made within one month of the announcement date, providing invoicing details are provided asap by winners

### Key dates:

* Competition opened on Monday 12 January
* Closes at 5pm on Wednesday 26 January
* Winners will be announced on Thursday 27 January.
* Complete this short application form here and send to [claire.oshea@nus-wales.org.uk](mailto:claire.oshea@nus-wales.org.uk) by the closing date.

Help make #GenerationVote a force to be reckoned with at the ballot box by taking part!