**The Gathering 2017 – Session proposal**

Thank you for showing an interest in taking part in delivering a session at the Gathering.

The Gathering is NUS Scotland's first event of the academic year where presidents, vice presidents, student leaders and staff from students’ associations across Scotland get together to celebrate everything that is great about the student movement. The Gathering will be of particular relevance to students' association staff who work in the areas of democracy, representation, policy and/or campaigns.

This year the Gathering will be themed around developing a strong and influential collective voice. NUS Scotland through our member students’ associations represents 500,000 students in Scotland. As a movement are at our best when our work is informed and student-led and The Gathering is an opportunity to harness our collective power to push for social and educational change in the coming year and to share and celebrate our success as a movement.

We want to invite students’ associations and colleagues across NUS to submit ideas for workshops or ‘short pitch’ sessions they would like to present at The Gathering. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the work that students’ associations and NUS have been doing and look at how to build on our successes.

Workshop sessions are one hour long with around 20 attendees in each while ‘short pitches’ are 10 minutes long and take place in the main event room to all attendees.

We are particularly interested in workshops or short pitches looking at ways in which you have developed a strong and influential collective voice by:

* Strengthening your students’ association
* Ensuring that your work is informed and student-led
* Championing liberation and the needs of diverse groups of students
* Developing inclusive and representative democracy
* Creating student opportunities
* Influencing educational or societal change
* Use of technology
* Creative communications
* Any other work to develop a collective approach to your work.

If you’d like to submit an idea please complete the form below and send to mail@nus-scotland.org.uk by Tuesday 20 June at 12 noon. Equally if you have an idea for a workshop or short pitch, but aren’t sure how to develop it feel free to get in touch to discuss it further with Jenny Lees, Campaigns Delivery Officer on Jenny.Lees@nus-scotland.org.uk.

**Your details:**

Please provide details of the main point of contact for the session and anyone else that will be involved in the session. For students’ association-led workshop sessions we’d recommend both an officer and staff member presenting, although this is not necessary.

**Primary contact:**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Students’ association / NUS department** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Contact number** |  |

**Secondary contact (where applicable):**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Students’ association / NUS department** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Contact number** |  |

**Your session:**

**Short pitch:** A ‘short pitch’ session is a 10 minute slot on the agenda where you will be given the chance to present your idea to all event attendees in the main event room. You can make use of PowerPoint, videos or talk passionately about this area of work. Why not take a look at these TedX talks for more ideas on structure and delivery?

* [Laura Beveridge - Kid’s in Care: Let’s start a revolution!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-wp7HN9Zvs)
* [Majora Carter – 3 stories of local eco-entrepreneurship](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyYjI7zQlaA)
* [Laura Bates – Everyday Sexism](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhjsRjC6B8U)
* [Drew Dudley – Leading with lollipops](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVCBrkrFrBE)

**Workshop:** Eachworkshop will have a 1 hour slot in the agenda, taking place at the same time as other workshops. Event attendees will have the chance at the start of the day to sign up to workshops, and there will be around 20 people in each. In this session you’d be expected to present your idea/work and give attendees an opportunity to take part in an activity.

Would you like to be considered for a ‘short pitch’ session or a workshop? If either would be suitable please select both options below:

Short pitch session / Workshop / Either option

Please tell us more about your session idea. You should consider how your session will be delivered and who by, what the aim of the session will be, what attendees will learn from the session and whether this will include liberation content. Please also include details of any materials you will use and if there is anything you would need NUS Scotland to provide. (Max 400 words).

How will your session contribute to the overall theme of ‘developing a strong and influential collective voice’? You may find it useful to look at [NUS 100: a manifesto for a just and sustainable future](http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/articles/nus-100-manifesto-for-a-just-and-sustainable-future). (Max 200 words).