

SU Governance Symposium

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Tuesday 7 July
Liverpool Guild

Time	NCVO Stream	Sector stream
9.30 - 9:50	Opening plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Welcome from NUS · Key governance updates and reflections on the specifics of SU governance 	
10.00-10.50	Introduction to the SU Governance Code <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Summary of the Code · Review of the development process · Highlight specifics of the SU version Mo Wiltshire (NCVO) & Richard Whitmill (Counter Culture Partnership LLP)	Peer review in SU Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understand the structure and purpose of a collaborative Board Peer Review model · Explore practical approaches to fostering reflective board culture & improvement · Reflect on how this can support sector-wide learning and development. Aidan Grills and Matt Broadey (LUU)
11.00-11.50	Running a governance evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · What to look for in good governance · Using the SU governance code as a model · External review options Aggie Taylor (NCVO)	Values & ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understand how values can be embedded into board decision-making · Be able to recognise when governance culture undermines values · Feel more confident making values-led decisions when under pressure, within legacy cultures or gaps in board diversity Sam Harris (Sam Harris Consulting) & Yeme Onoabagbe (Board Racial Diversity UK)
12.00-12.50	Making impact work for you: Practical approaches for SUs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · What is impact measurement and why does it matter for SUs, including SORP reporting obligations? · Foundations for good impact practice · Building systems that work for your context · Using impact data to influence decisions and demonstrate your value Sarah Menzies (NCVO)	Governing a group structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective use of trading subsidiaries • Managing conflicts of interests Mark Abbott (Bates Wells)

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13.00-14.00	Lunch & networking (sponsored by Howden)	
14.00-14.50	Panel discussion – the governance of clubs & societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · NCVO chair (Mo Wiltshire) · Bates Wells (Mark Abbott) · Charity Commission (Holly Riley) 	
15.00-15.50	SU governance and political activity (in partnership with Bates Wells) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Allowable activity under standard objects · Reporting and addressing concerns · Practical approaches to ethical decision making Hannah Pudner (NCVO), Mark Abbott (Bates Wells)	Risk and change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understand risk appetite, how it fits in with risk management strategies and affects decision-making · Identify where you/your organisation is avoiding conversations that are blocking change · Use practical tools to surface, start, and follow through on honest conversations Annie Wilmott (Imperial College Union) & Jacqui Clements (Jacqui Clements Consulting Ltd)
16.00-16.50	Board culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Developing a high support, high challenge culture · Practical tools for supporting your CEO Mo Wiltshire (NCVO) & Jacqui Clements (Jacqui Clements Consulting Ltd)	Delivering democracy in practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understanding trustees' legal and moral duties for democracy · What trustees can do to support and develop students. Nick Smith (Nick Smith Consulting) & Emilie Tapping (NUS)
17:00	Event close - NUS Charity members meeting to follow	

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Getting there

Based in the Reilly Building entrance on University square, the Guild's reception team will be able to show you to the main plenary room:
160 Mount Pleasant
Liverpool
L3 5TR

Drop in surgeries

We will be hosting governance surgeries all day, where staff from NCVO, Counterculture LLP, consultants and Howden will be on hand to answer your specific governance questions/chat through issues you may have.

Lunch and refreshments

Big thanks to Howden for sponsoring our lunch.
Tea, coffee and water will be provided throughout the day.

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Speaker bios

We are currently collating bios for all our speakers and will update as soon as we have them all through.