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| #HomeToV8te: Travel bursary application |
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| To apply for funding to subsidise RoI students at your institution to return home to vote in the 25 May referendum on the Eighth Amendment, please return this completed form to Laura.Stobo@nistudents.org as soon as possible.  |

We encourage students’ unions that are able to, to set up a travel bursary fund to assist students in covering the cost of their travel home to vote in the referendum.

Students’ unions will need to consider charity law when setting up any bursary. The issue of societies raising money for another charity is generally accepted if it is clear what the fundraising is for and what other usual safeguards are in place. The risk of the union itself using funds is more complex, although may be possible if there is a clear link for members of the union. The fact that in this case the referendum is in a separate sovereign state is clearly a factor. For specific guidance contact Peter.Robertson@nus.org.uk.

Before applying for funds SUs should satisfy themselves that the student(s) they are applying on behalf of are registered as studying at their institution and are on the Register of Electors and eligible to vote in the referendum. Students can check that they are registered at: [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

Electoral law in RoI states that an individual can accept a political ‘donation’ of up to €126.97 - approximately £110 - before they have to register as a ‘third party’. In turn, third parties cannot accept overseas donations. This is therefore the limit that a students’ union - alone, or in conjunction with NUS funds - may grant to any individual student (see [here](http://www.sipo.ie/en/About-Us/Our-Policies/FOI-Manuals/Combined-Section-15-16-Manual/The-Electoral-Acts.html) for further information on the legislation).

NUS has also set up a travel bursary fund that students’ unions can apply to in order to subsidise their own funds. We will match fund students’ unions contributions towards individual students’ travel up to a maximum of £55 per student. For small and under-resourced unions a higher subsidy, up to a maximum of £110 per student, may be possible. Please note however that the budget is finite and subsidies will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

**How much do you wish to apply for? Please note that this form should be completed only once per SU, for the total amount of subsidy your SU requires, NOT per student. i.e. if you wish to apply for funding to support 3 students at £55 each, complete this form once, for the amount of £165.**

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**How many students will this subsidise to travel HomeToV8te?**

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**Contact details of students’ union administrator:**

(We will use these details only to follow up about this process. Contact Laura.Stobo@nistudents.org if you have any questions or concerns about your individual data use)

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| Students’ Union |  |
| Correspondence address |  |
| Telephone |  | Email |  |