

REGISTRATION								
08:30		Welcome to our tenth birthday - Rhianon Roberts and Alan Roberts						
9:30	Plenary	Lobbying in a time of change (Chaired by NUS)						
grab refreshment go to rooms								
		Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E	Room F	Room G
10:30	Block 1	How hyper-organisation killed the school play – and what to do about it Jim Dickinson (Wonkhe)	The Safety Dance - avoiding being the fun police in risk management Libby Brown (Howden) and Rosie Humnam (Organised Fun) Lucy Brown (Imperial College Union)	ADVICE UK 1 - all about the adviser	over the SU's stuff / making the SU take on their stuff Negotiating, trust, and transparency. Ben Vulliamy (AHUA) and Trevor Page (Consultant)	Introduction to Community Organising Tom Snape (Citizens UK)	SU Elections 2025 Playback Fion Thomas (NUS Charity)	Employment Law 2025: protected beliefs, trans inclusion & new rights for sabbaticals Robert Turner (Bates Wells) and NUS Charity
11:30	Block 2	Let the robot do it: Using Microsoft Power Platform and Office365 tools to reduce admin and work smarter Fran Fall (Birmingham City Students' Union)	Media law basics for campaigning & lobbying Jo Walters (25 Dots)	ADVICE UK 2 - all about the advice service	Queer Staff Community of Practice (NUS Charity)	Using Data and insights for making informed decisions Kshma Bhardwaj, Dulcie Layton (Brookes Union)	I know what you did last summer tee (I still know) Steve Coole and Zahra Butt (Coole Insight)	Development Month: A Staff Initiative Libby Freeman (Herts Students' Union)
12:30 LUNCH - Food station in Main Hall and SODA. Eating spaces in Main Hall, Bar, Foyer, Mezzanine, Salutation								
13:30	Block 3	We Are Lincoln Challenge Week Jessica Skill (Lincoln Students' Union)	Rituals, badges and magic - how SUs can invent, develop and nurture new traditions Jim Dickinson (Wonkhe)	Advice Data Hackathon Jamie Robertson (Staffs Students' Union) Fiona Walsh-McDonnell (CounterCulture)	Building a powerful, influential movement on funding and maintenance Hannah Sketchley (NUS UK)	Is Anyone Even Listening? Moving Beyond Student Voice to Genuine Influence and Change Laura Pike (Consultant)	Introduction to SU Democracy Nick Smith (Consultant)	The most important meeting of your week: How to lead the best 1-1s EVER Eleanor Walker (Unboxed Talent) Jacqui Clements (Jacqui Clements Consulting)
14:30	Block 4	Recognising and Developing Employability Skills at UoNSU Hayley Williams (Nottingham University Students' Union)	Presence, Prep & Flexibility: Training Delivery for Beginners Katie Griffiths (Edinburgh University Students' Association)	Basic Needs: From Insight to Impact: Building support that makes a difference Eve Woodall, Ryan Colefax (Italian Students' Union) Phillip Smith (Rutgers University)	Fix It Forum: crowd sourcing solutions for Welfare, Liberation and other challenges. Ruth Truscott (Queen Mary UL Students' Union)	Empowering Student-Staff in Voice Shaun Keen (Sheffield Students' Union)	Influencing Community of Practice Hannah Sketchley (NUS UK)	Constructive Venting: Surviving & Thriving as an SU Manager Rhianon Ellis (Herts Students' Union)
15:15 BREAK								
15:45	Block 5	Maximising Impact with Minimal Resources: Planning Successful Small SU Events Zsuzsanna Toth (Edinburgh Napier Students' Association)	Free Speech Duty - New Rules session James Coe (CounterCulture)	Artificial Intelligence and advice service delivery Dal Warburton (AdviceUK)	Basic Needs: Exploring Cost of Living in 2025 Meg Darroch (Leeds University Union)	Building Research Capacity: A workshop on turning insight into impact Dr. Maya Al-Khouja and Tasha Suresh (Bristol Students' Union)	Democracy is Dead; now what? Liam Davis (Leicester Students' Union)	Theory of Impact Steph Taylor-Wren; Jo Stafford (The Union, MMU) NCVO presenter (NCVO)
16:45-17:35	Block 6	That Time We Banned Being Gay: Reimagining Safe Spaces Ellis Page (Sheffield Students' Union)	What I learnt on my secondment to Kingston Students' Union Jeff Wiltshire (Students' Union UCL)	Adviser Welfare - You matter too Christopher Carr (Rainbow Monkey Advice)	Transport - getting your lobbying into gear James Coe (CounterCulture)	ACUJ and the European Students' Union - what they are and how to engage Yemi Gbajobi (ACUJ), Mike Day (ESU), Alan Roberts (CounterCulture)	How to get your students to vote Liz Wylie-Smy (Lincoln SU), Cassie Aghahem, Beth Eyre (Bristol SU), Jacob Webb (Aber SU) & Frank Longdon (Lancaster SU)	Workin' 9 to Thrive Stephanie Street-Lomas and Hannah Mason (UCLanSU)
7pm Evening Event - Union Hall & Bar								
Karaoke in the Bar								
BREAKFAST								
09:00 - 09:45	Plenary: Institutional Failure							
10:00	Block 7	Volunteering is dead. Long live volunteering? Rosie Humnam (Organised Fun)	Students, Community and Partnership - is it possible? Ghika Savva (SCP Bath) and Ryan Bird (Bath SU)	What's going on in the world of advice? Danny Walker (NUS Charity)	Institution Failure - post-plenary planning workshop Alan Roberts (CounterCulture) Hannah Sketchley (NUS UK)	Shaping Change from the Middle: Stakeholder Management in Students' Unions Simon Hilberding (UWTSU SU)	Ripping up Representation & Starting from Scratch: Redesigning Student Council Daniel Wright (Edinburgh Napier SA)	TBC
10:45-11:00 Break								
11:00	Block 8	ISENT WITH HIGH IMPORTANCE!! The growing impatience of students and how to manage their expectations Hannah Fowler, Morven Proctor (Liverpool Guild)	The Campus of Student Engagement Rhianon Suchak (Goldsmiths SU) Maddy Murphy (Thinkable)	Harassment and Sexual Misconduct – supporting students and shaping practice Barry McHale and Rebecca Ericcotti (OIAHE)	Working Locally, Thinking Nationally: Embedding Collectivism Through Membership Services Sarah Kerton, Camelia Purwanto (Middlesex SU)	A Sector Audit of Student Representation and Voice Tom Lowe, Jill LeBihan & Saadah Caman (RAISE Network and Westminster Students' Union)	The Elections Game - a tool for evaluating and planning elections Alan Roberts, Matt Robinson (CounterCulture)	Charities make terrible employers – or do they? (How unionised SU's make for better places to work) Antonia Bright (SOAS); Michael Austin (Leeds Beckett); Kath Owen (Leeds), Chelsea Pledge (Exeter Students Guild)
12:00	Block 9	Concerns, Complaints & Conduct Ruby Hall (Nottingham Students' Union)	PG(R) Tips: Engaging with Postgraduate Researcher Student Voices Janine Fox, Hafren Jones (Bristol SU)	Creating and using monthly advice casework reports Herrick-Watt Studnets' Union	Power, Self-Interest & Leadership: How to create change in student mental health Dom Smithies & Niamh Nicholson (Student Minds)	Credits where they're due Jim Dickinson (Wonkhe)	Part-Time Officers: Paid Vs Volunteers Liz Smy, Nat Creeth (Lincoln SU)	Policies: what do you have and what do you need? Regulatory approach by the Charity Commission and risk mitigation Laura Moss and Daniel Lewis (Wrigleys LLP)
13:00-13:50 LUNCH								
14:00	Block 10	From Apathy to Agency: Reimagining How We Belong Vincent Nnoli (Greenwich SU)	The PhD Forum – Creating Community in Postgraduate Research Chih-Hsiang Lo (Lancaster SU)	Tackling harassment and sexual misconduct Emma Douthwaite, Julia Gonsalves (Office for Students)	One year on: Implementing harm reduction approaches to student drug use Tracy Lumb (Students Organising for Sustainability)	Reconnecting Representation: A Multi-Campus Approach to Student Voice Simon Hilberding (UWTSU SU)	Rewriting the Rules of Representation. Experimentation in Influence and Democracy. Stef Hartley, Tom Barrass and Laura Pike (UCLanSU)	Bite-Sized Recruitment Training: Confident Hiring for Sus Sarah Ellis (Atkinson HR)
14:50 Break								
15:15	Block 11	Expanding income streams - Covering Code of Fundraising Practice, trading subsidiaries and more Laura Moss, Daniel Lewis (Wigleys)	Asking students what they don't want Gareth Hughes (Durham SU)	Care experienced and estranged student community building Ira Hakim (Unite Foundation)	Our journey to becoming an anti-lineless SU, and why you should join us Ed Moloney (Salford SU)	"Can you share this survey?": A union-oriented approach to managing student voice requests Nathalie Grigorenko (Arts SU)	Good governance: sorting your constitution out and embedding the Charity Governance Code in your SU. Mark Abbott (Bates Wells) Charlotte Britton-Stevens (NUS Charity)	Values-Led Behaviour Frameworks: Bringing Organisational Values to Life Sarah Ellis (Atkinson HR) and John Abel (Coventry SU)
16:15	Block 12	SU Volunteering: A Critical Review (Case Study) Connor Briggs (York SU)	The Journey to Strategy: Re-imagining UMSU's Approach to International Student Engagement Suzi Pettitt & Agne Rimkute (Manchester SU)	Changing demands? Reviewing the scope of Student' Union Advice Services James White (Students' Union at Bournemouth University)	Bridging the gap between FE and HE Alex Harden-Way (UCB Guild of Students) Danny Walker (NUS Charity)	Beyond 'students as students': when can an SU campaign on emotive issues? Mark Abbott (Bates Wells) Charlotte Britton-Stevens (NUS Charity)	The New NUS UK Democracy Natasha Dhumma (NUS UK)	The only way is ethics - the importance of trust in officer support Gareth Hughes (Durham SU)
17:15 CLOSING PLENARY - The promises we make - Alan Roberts								