

## Main Details

**Title** **National Executive Council Block of 15**

**NUS Area** NUS UK

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**Term of Office** 1 year

## About the National Executive Council (NEC)

The National Executive Council (NEC) is made up of elected representatives from across NUS – some members are elected at National Conference and others are elected at Nations, Liberation and Sections conferences to ensure representation from those areas. Both officers and council members make up the NEC.

NEC is the main scrutiny and accountability body for NUS officers. NEC is responsible for overseeing the political and strategic work of the organisation in between meetings of National Conference, scrutinising the work of the zones and making decisions that affect the National Union as a whole. NEC acts as an interim policymaking body between meetings of National Conference to discuss issues which need addressing immediately.

The President and Vice-Presidents (officers of NUS) present a report at each meeting and take questions from the council members on their plans of work.

## About this role

There are 15 National Executive Council representative positions available on the NEC. These positions are known as the **Block of Fifteen**.

The Block of Fifteen members are responsible for discussing and debating the key issues that affect students nationally. The main functions are to:

1. Consult the membership and be representative of their views in discussions and debates
2. Scrutinise and review the work of the zones, National President and the sub committees to make sure it is meeting the strategic political aims of NUS

[You can read more about the work of the NEC here](#)

## What's involved?

- Attending the **at least 5 meetings** of the NEC between the 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018.
- Preparing for NEC meetings by reading all circulated papers in advance.
- Preparing motions that you would like to bring to the NEC for discussion and debate.
- Consulting, understanding and representing the views of students nationally.
- Taking an active role in discussing and debating the motions that are brought forward at the NEC.

## What skills do I need?

An excellent NEC member will be enthusiastic about the opportunity to be involved in the decision making at NUS, with a passion and interest in understanding the key issues that affect students on a national level. NEC members will also:

- Be committed to the NEC by attending all meetings;
- Ask insightful and probing questions in discussions and debates;
- Have good communication and interpersonal skills;

- Be passionate about shaping the future work of the National Union Students;
- Be understanding and representative of the views of students nationally.

## What does NUS expect?

NUS expects all volunteers to read and agree to follow the terms of:

NUS [Code of Conduct](#)

NUS Staff Protocol

NUS [No Platform Policy](#)

Please note that some roles are subject to a [DBS check](#) (previously called CRB). Further information on this will be provided.

## What can I expect from the role?

Being a volunteer on the NEC is a rewarding experience that enables you to make a difference and have a real impact on improving the lives of students. Not only will volunteering on the NEC give you the opportunity to develop new skills in policy analysis and development, you will also further develop interpersonal and communication skills by working alongside fellow committee members.

You can also expect to:

- Receive an induction into your role, the NEC, and the wider work of NUS
- Receive support from NUS, with the opportunity for personal development of knowledge and skills through in-house training (*currently in development stage*)
- Have the opportunity to experience being on a national committee
- Volunteers will never be out of pocket – reasonable expenses, such as travel and subsistence, will be paid for by NUS
- Be part of the wider student movement, part of a national and international campaigning organization, representing students from across the UK
- **Lastly, being a volunteer NEC member is a great opportunity to shape the future of NUS**

## How do I get involved?

If volunteering on the NEC sounds appealing, then please refer back to the [National Conference Hub](#) for information about how to nominate yourself to stand for election.

Key Information:

- The deadline for nominations is: 12 Noon 1 March 2017.
- You will stand for election at National Conference, where you will have the opportunity to give a short speech (the Chief Returning Officer will provide details on the timings allowed)
- We recognize that giving a speech can be quite daunting, so a few tips are
  - Speak clearly and slowly
  - Don't be afraid to use notes if you need to
  - Stick to a few key points as to why you want to volunteer on the NEC
- The results of the election will be available online following National Conference