

## About NUS UK

**NUS' purpose is to bring about ahead-of-the-curve change at a scale that students and SUs couldn't achieve alone.**

### The vanguard of change

As an empowered collective, students play a vital role in our society, creating hope, vision and solutions for the future.

### 100 years of NUS

NUS was founded on Ivison Macadam's idea that 'if students are cooperating today surely there is hope for tomorrow.'

## 2030 Vision

### A new education system

NUS will have been instrumental in bringing about a post-16 education model that prioritises social justice and fulfilment. It should be accessible, lifelong, and relevant to our socioeconomic present and future. Our goals are:

- Free, affordable living costs, well funded, access for all
- Lifelong access to relevant post-16 education

### A powerful youth and student movement

Students and young people in the UK hold real political power. We can shape our future by making change in education institutions, local and national government, and by influencing wider culture and behaviours. Our goals are:

- Engagement: 5k activists, 1m supporters, 80% SUs
- A political youth & student movement convened by NUS

### NUS Values

Collectivism  
Anti-Oppression  
Care

Read more about what we do here or download our latest annual report.

## About NUS UK Directors

**We are seeking a new member to join our Board to support this work. We're looking for independently minded people who can offer insight and leadership scrutinize our work and champion what we do.**

We are seeking up one external board member to join on a three-year term. The NUS UK Board consists of 15 members in total, [our 7 full time officers](#), four member directors from students' unions elected by NUS UK members, four members of NUS UK Board, and four external lay directors.

As a director you'll attend board meetings, scrutinise finances, feed into strategy for the Charity and make sure we are delivering on our strategy. You'll be appointed for a three year term, with the option to stand for a second term.

## About you

To help students shape NUS' future direction, you will need to be able to think strategically, be creative and bring a range of different perspectives to the Board.

You will be the kind of person who would feel comfortable working in a student-led, democratic environment and who values equal opportunities. You will need to use a highly collaborative style to deliver real progress against a challenging, political mission.

This is a non-political role and committee members are not in place to shape the political and campaigning decisions, but they are in place to ensure we have a sound organisation with the best resources and finances in place to enable us to campaign.

## Skills and expertise

We are seeking to recruit the widest possible pool of talent to be NUS UK Directors. We need people who can perform the role of a Director in overseeing finance, risk, HR, and organisational development, but we also need a bit more than that.

We're interested in the people who can support great campaigns, bring students together, and who can influence policy at the highest level. We're particularly keen to hear from candidates with any of the following attributes:

- income diversification, business development and/or grant fundraising
- legal knowledge, especially around campaigning
- public relations
- communications and marketing, especially around digital strategy and social media
- community organising and mobilisation
- liberation campaigns and change-making politics

We want a wide range of applicants with a diverse range of skills who share a common belief in the power of students to make change. This is open to anyone who believes they can volunteer to take NUS on the next steps of its journey.

We're totally committed to equality of opportunity for all. We welcome applications from individuals regardless of their age, disability, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation. We particularly welcome applications from black, asian and minority ethnic candidates, as they are currently under-represented as Directors of NUS and within the sector more broadly.

## Legal and Governance Responsibilities

The lay board members will formally become a Director of **National Union of Students United Kingdom**

Before putting yourself forward for this position we strongly advise you to make yourself aware of the [duties and responsibilities of company Directors](#). Specifically as a Company Director there are a significant set of [legal duties](#) you should be aware of.

The Board as a whole has responsibilities to:

- Act as a single body;
- Ensure the organisation has a clear strategy or set of goals;
- Ensure the work and goals of the organisation are in line with its stated vision, usually defined in NUS UK's Articles;
- Keep a check on the organisation's finances and activities;
- Act in accordance with the Nolan Committee's Seven Principles of Public Life; and
- Champion the values of our organisation.

NUS expects all Directors to read and agree to our board member code of conduct, a confidentiality agreement and a committee member agreement. In addition as part of our due diligence at the interview stage we will ask candidates to declare and disclose any past actions which could impact on the reputation of NUS.

## What you get out of volunteering

### Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to give back and share the knowledge and expertise you have gained. NUS is a unique place to spend some time volunteering. Through the voices of 7million students we work to create a better world and support students to drive change.

### Expenses

All reasonable expenses will be covered by us for the duration of your service as a volunteer. At all meetings lunch and beverages are provided, travel is arranged by us at no expense to you and any additional costs you incur due to travel are refunded.

### Support

We value the Directors of NUS UK and seek to support them as volunteers. Feedback is a valued part of your experience and throughout your term you will be given opportunities to feedback on your experience. During your term any additional access needs or requirements will be supported.

### Induction

We provide a comprehensive induction for board and committee members. In this induction we ensure that committee members understand the organisation's long term strategy and goals for the year ahead, are aware of the organisational risks and understand their responsibilities. The boards and committees also set out a plan for the year ahead on how they will work together, see the meetings working and ensure we receive value from their expertise.

### Meeting others

This is a great opportunity to work with passionate, talented and experienced people from a diverse variety of backgrounds. This role will enable to you make great connections with student representatives, other trustees and colleagues which in turn will develop you as a person and in your career.

## How to Apply

To apply for this position please email your CV (or a link to your LinkedIn profile) and a Cover letter that outlines how your skills, experience and qualifications match the ambitions for the role set out in this pack.

The covering letter provides you with the opportunity to explain your motivation, as well as highlighting how your experience and achievements fit with the requirements of the role.

To apply please email your CV/linkedin profile and covering letter to [membership@nus.org.uk](mailto:membership@nus.org.uk)

**The deadline for application is Thursday 3 July 2025, 12 noon**

**Interviews are due to take place 14 July 2025**

If you would like an informal chat about the role ahead of applying please let us know via email to [membership@nus.org.uk](mailto:membership@nus.org.uk)