

NUS Wales Officer Role Profile

President

About NUS Wales

National Union of Students in Wales is the largest democratic organisation in Wales, representing learners in a wide variety of settings including higher education and further education, adult community learning and apprenticeships.

NUS Wales exists to promote, defend and extend the rights of students and develop and champion strong students' unions. We fight barriers to education; empower students to shape both a quality learning experience and the world around them; as well as supporting influential, democratic and well-resourced students' unions.

About the Full Time Officer Positions

There are 3 full-time officers for NUS Wales including the President, Deputy President and Women's Officer. The President and Deputy President are elected each year at NUS Wales Conference and are accountable to all Students Unions in Wales. The Women's Officer is elected by the Women's Conference and is held to account by them.

The full-time officers are responsible for the political leadership of NUS Wales and represent over a quarter of a million students across Wales.

These are full-time paid positions and will usually be based in the NUS Wales Offices in Cardiff.

About this role

The NUS Wales President is the chief spokesperson on issues affecting students in Wales and represents Welsh students to Welsh Government, both local and national media and our communities within and beyond Wales. The President will usually have primary responsibility for NUS Wales' Higher Education policy work and campaigns.

The President is also a member of the NUS UK National Executive Council which is responsible for holding the National President and Vice Presidents to account on their work and developing policy in between National Conference.

What's involved?

- Leading NUS Wales' priority campaign work engaging with internal and external stakeholders
- Engaging with students' unions across Wales and building strong relationships with members
- Chairing meetings of the NUS Wales NEC
- Providing accountability reports for members of the NUS Wales NEC
- Attending meetings of the NUS UK National Executive Council
- Attending a number of external committees and boards

What can I expect from the role?

Being a full-time officer is a rewarding experience that enables you to make a difference and have a real impact on improving the lives of student across Wales. This role gives you the opportunity to develop new skills in policy analysis and development, heighten your interpersonal and communication skills and enhance your leadership style.

NUS provides an excellent package of support for full time officers, including:



- A full time allowance of £24,919
- 27 days annual leave
- A supportive environment to develop knowledge and skills, as well as professional development opportunities
- Flexible working conditions to support you in your role
- An induction into your role and the wider work of NUS Wales and UK
- Reasonable expenses, such as travel and subsistence, will be paid for by NUS Wales
- Be part of the wider student movement, part of a national and international campaigning organization, representing students from across the UK

How do I get involved?

If standing for President sounds appealing, then please refer back to the website for information about how to nominate yourself to stand for election. We appreciate standing for election for an full-time position is a big decision, therefore, we encourage and welcome candidates to contact us before standing.

Key Information:

- Nominations for President open on Monday 8 January 2018 and close at 12pm on Friday 16 February 2018.
- You will need at least 10 individual nominations from 5 different Students' Unions. At least one of your nominations needs to be from a Further Education member.
- If successful, your term of office will be for 1 year between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

Current Post-Holder

The current President is Ellen Jones and can be contacted at Ellen.Jones@nus-wales.org.uk.

Expenditure

Candidates in all elections have a maximum amount they can spend on their campaigns notified once the nomination has been confirmed, for all campaign publicity materials that can be worn, given or handed to delegates. Campaign materials are anything that promote your candidature or discourages others from voting for your opponents.

These include, but are not limited to, flyers, posters, banners, T-shirts and bags. Candidates may be asked to produce receipts of their expenditure and may be asked to ensure that any good/services received are available to all candidates and not only a result of special relationships with suppliers.

Receipts must be produced by all candidates for an election an hour before a count for that election. The count will not take place before receipts for current candidates are received. Maximum expenditure for elections at NUS Wales Conference is as follows:

Full-time officers: **£200**

Election rules

Further information about the election rules, including nominations, manifestos and campaigning can be found in the [Elections Schedule](#).

If you have any further questions about the role please get in touch by emailing conference@nus-wales.org.uk.