

**NUS DELEGATE**

**ELECTIONS**

**Nomination Pack**

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# Introduction

## What is this pack for?

This pack is a guide for people interested in running in the NUS Delegate elections. It should give you everything that you need to be a candidate, including information about the positions and how to nominate yourself.

## What are elections?

UWLSU is run by students for students. Every year, we have elections to determine which students lead the Students' Union.

In autumn every year, you elect students to represent UWL at the National Union of Students National Conference - these positions are called NUS Delegates.

Every spring, we also run elections where students vote for the full-time sabbatical officers - president, vice-president of education and vice-president of activities and participation.

These are the people who decide what the Students' Union does on your behalf. They work full-time to make changes that improve your education and overall university experience.

## I'm already in, I would like to run in this election!

The only requirement to be a candidate is that you are a fully enrolled and registered student of UWL. To nominate yourself as a candidate, you can complete the Nominations Form at [uwlsu.com/voice/elections](https://uwlsu.com/voice/elections). The form is also available here. The SU's Representation team will then contact you with more information and organise a full briefing with you!

The nominations period will open on Monday 30th October 2023 (12pm)

More information on what elections are, how you are supported and what it involves are in this pack below. If you have additional questions, please email [su.elections@uwl.ac.uk](mailto:su.elections@uwl.ac.uk)

Nomination form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8sVcpY6dpt>



## When are the elections?

### Key election dates...

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| Nominations opening date               | <b>Monday 30th October 2023</b><br>12pm   |
| Nominations closing date               | <b>Friday 10th November 2023</b><br>12pm  |
| Candidate Training                     | <b>Monday 13th November -</b><br><b>Friday 17th November 2023</b>               |
| Manifesto and Publicity Deadline       | <b>Draft Deadline: 21/10/23 (5pm)</b><br><b>Final Deadline: 24/10/23 (12pm)</b> |
| Voting Opening Date                    | <b>Monday 27th November</b><br>12pm   |
| Voting closing date                    | <b>Tuesday 28th November</b><br>4pm   |
| Complaints and Expenses final deadline | <b>Tuesday 28th November</b><br>4pm   |
| Results Announcement                   | <b>Wednesday 29th November</b><br>12 pm   |
| Back up results deadline               | <b>Thursday 30th November</b><br>12pm   |

# Message from the SU President



Maisie Kelly, UWLSU President

Hello there!

I'm glad to see that you're considering running for NUS Delegate!

Here at UWL, we really do have a wonderful, diverse community of students. Being an NUS delegate gives YOU the opportunity to represent OUR students at a national level.

It allows you to meet so many of our amazing students, as well as other delegates from across the UK. You can be involved in discussions about topics that you already have an interest in, but you also learn so much current issues facing Universities and their students that you may never have heard of before. It really is an invaluable experience and a role I would highly recommend running for!

Good Luck!

Maisie Kelly

# What positions are available?

## NUS Delegates x 6

### NUS National Conference

The election for NUS Delegates is to determine which students represent the UWL student body at the National Union of Students National Conference (NUS Conference). The conference brings together students from every university and college in the country to discuss and decide national policy.

This year, the elected delegates will get the chance to attend virtually or travel to another university where they will meet lots of students and decide the direction of the National Union of Students.

Maisie Kelly, UWLSU President, gets an automatic place at the conference. The other four spaces are open to all students and must be elected by students at UWL. It is a really exciting opportunity to represent fellow students and learn more about the NUS democratic process.

Delegates will receive further training on the role after their election.

# Support and Training

After the nominations period, The SU's Representation team will deliver lots of support and training for candidates running in the election. You will learn more about the role of the NUS Delegate and this will be delivered in a fun, interactive way for you. This support and training will include:

- A full briefing session on the rules of the election (mandatory);
- A workshop on campaigning and creating Manifestos;
- A workshop on using Canva to design campaign material;
- Regular check-ins with all candidates



## Manifestos

Your manifesto is key – this will be what all students will see when casting their vote in the elections. You'll need to consider what qualities you would bring to the role and why you'd be a good fit for it. Think about your stances on different issues like education and social policy; changes you'd like to see at UWL; and changes you'd like to see across the University sector.

Manifestos are about a page in length and really concise, so choose your words wisely! Guidance will be given to all candidates on creating manifestos during the training session.



# The Rules

Keeping elections fair is our top priority - these rules are designed to ensure that no candidates gain an unfair advantage and voters have an equal opportunity to elect their representatives. We've done our best to make sure there's no reason for anybody to feel discouraged from participating in the elections.

Breaking a rule is very serious – if any of these rules are broken, the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer can disqualify candidates or stop the election. We don't want this to happen of course – so please read through thoroughly!

**The Election rules can be viewed on our website here:**

<https://www.scribd.com/document/679977551/Election-Rules-2023-24-PDF>

**. Each candidate will receive a full training session on these where you can ask as many questions about them as possible.**

This list of rules is not exhaustive, the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer will use their own discretion if they feel candidates or campaign teams have broken rules.

We wish you luck and all the best in campaigning!

Jamal El-Kalawy, Deputy Returning Officer

Jessica Smith, Representation and Advocacy Manager

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# Questions

If in doubt, ask! Please contact Jess or Jamal in the Students' Union team should you have any questions.

Alternatively, you can email [su.elections@uwl.ac.uk](mailto:su.elections@uwl.ac.uk).

## Now I'm in! How do I run this election?

Please complete the Microsoft Form below to nominate yourself for the NUS Delegate role!

<https://forms.office.com/e/8sVcpY6dpt>



[uwlsu.com](http://uwlsu.com)