

At NUS Charity, we believe every post-16 student in the UK deserves an *outstanding* students' union. Our mission is to make this vision a reality by empowering and supporting SUs across the country to be the very best they can be.

As a registered charity *owned by our member students' unions*, NUS Charity is committed to your development and success. We're passionate about driving a vibrant, resilient and values-led student movement, in partnership with NUS UK, SOS-UK and other sector leaders.

What we do for you

NUS Charity acts as **coach, facilitator, advocate and advisor** for students' unions. Here's how we support you:

- **Expert advice and guidance:** Receive tailored support, training and resources covering elections, governance and legal compliance, leadership, and amplifying the student voice.
- **Connection and community:** Join a dynamic network of SU professionals, where sharing best practice, learning and collaboration are at the heart of everything we do.
- **Championing your value:** We advocate for students' unions at every level, showcasing your impact and fighting for further investment in the sector.
- **Influencing policy:** Shape a positive environment for students through our lobbying, campaigns and research—your voice, amplified nationally.

Membership resources and how you benefit

Your NUS Charity membership unlocks a wealth of practical resources and pathways for support:

- **Over 200 resources via NUS Connect:** Tap into legal advice (including from Bates Wells), templates, best-practice guides, governance documents and more, all designed to help your SU thrive.
- **Personal support:** Our dedicated membership team is always on hand, guaranteeing a response within two working days to any query.
- **Sector benchmarks:** Use the *Big SU Survey* for current data on funding, staffing, advice services, elections and more supporting your negotiations and planning.
- **NCVO associate membership:** Through us, you automatically benefit from associate membership with NCVO and their sister organisations, adding another layer of support to your SU.

Flagship programmes

- **Big SU Survey:** Plenty of insight—take part in annual sector research to help benchmark your services, support block grant discussions, and inform your strategic decisions.
- **Elections Service:** NUS Charity can serve as your Returning Officer, as well as support your elections teams via drop-ins, networking and professional development.
- **Quality Students' Unions (QSU):** Take advantage of our QSU framework, designed to help SUs like yours reach their full potential, with developmental feedback and sector benchmarking.

Beyond the basics

NUS Charity is here to equip you for every challenge advocating for the interests of SUs, offering targeted learning opportunities for officers and staff, fostering partnerships with key sector bodies, and supporting you to find and grow the next generation of SU talent.

Want to make the most of your membership, or have a question? Our friendly team is here to help—just drop us a line and we'll respond promptly.