



**STAND UP FOR  
STUDENTS.**

**If you want to be:**

**UNION CHAIR  
STUDENT TRUSTEE  
NUS DELEGATE**

**Then run for a voluntary role in  
The Students' Union elections.**

**[goldsmithssu.org/elections](https://goldsmithssu.org/elections)**

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## **A LITTLE ABOUT GOLDSMITHS STUDENTS' UNION**

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Goldsmiths Students' Union is a charity representing over 10,000 students studying at Goldsmiths, University of London. We're here to provide support and advice to make university life easier, whilst representing students on the issues that matter.

Goldsmiths Students' Union is a democratic organisation, run for students by students. We represent the views of Goldsmiths students

through our team of elected officers, who are elected annually and are supported by a permanent staff team. In addition to being the voice of Goldsmiths students, we also run commercial services such as the SU Shop, the SU Cafe, the Nursery, which fund services for students such as clubs, societies and the advice service.

**The Students' Union elections 2019 are your opportunity to lead the organisation and make life at Goldsmiths better.**

## **NUS DELEGATE**

In order to stand for NUS delegate, you must be able to attend NUS National Conference in Glasgow from 9th-11th April 2019. Travel and accommodation is provided.

# Useful information

## KEY CONTACTS:

### Deputy Returning Officer:

Meg Evans (meg@goldsmithssu.org)

### Campaigns and Democracy Co-Ordinator:

Thaniyah Miah (thaniyah@goldsmithssu.org)

## KEY DATES:

### Drop-in sessions:

**Mon 4th Feb** - Campaigns and Activities Officer

**Fri 8th Feb** - Education Officer

**Tue 12th Feb** - Union Chair, Student Trustees, NUS Delegates

**Wed 13th Feb** - Welfare and Liberation Officer

**Thur 14th Feb** - SU President

These Drop Ins will be role specific and there will be a member of staff who works closely with the role present to help answer any role specific questions, and a member of staff from the elections team present to help answer any elections specific questions.

### Candidate briefing:

Friday 22nd February at 4pm, RHB 251

### Candidate trainings:

(These sessions are the same and are being repeated through the week)

Monday 25th Feb, 12-1:30pm, MMB 111

Tuesday 26th Feb, 12-1:30pm, MMB 111

Wednesday 27th Feb, 12-1:30pm, MMB 109

Thursday 28th Feb, 12-1:30pm, MMB 111

# NUS DELEGATE ROLE DESCRIPTION

## Purpose:

- Voting in the National NUS elections
- Voting on motion - setting out what the organisation should be working on for the next three years. If delegates vote yes to motions, they become NUS policy.
- Voting on reports, which detail the work of NUS over the past year and have the opportunity to vote in favour - to accept the work done by NUS - or against if work has not been done.
- Voting on all the above alongside representing the membership at Goldsmiths Students' union.

## Key information:

- National Conference takes place from 9th-11th April 2019 in Glasgow. In order to run to be an NUS delegate, you must be able to attend National Conference on these dates.
- Travel and accommodation will be provided.
- One delegate space is reserved for a self-defining woman. If you self-define as a woman, you must let the Deputy Returning Officer know before the count takes place.
- There are a number of key deadlines to note ahead of the conference itself, such as the publication of election candidates, reports and motions to be discussed. The deadlines and more information about the conference can be found here and will also be communicated to you by the students' union: <https://conference.nusconnect.org.uk>

## Duties and responsibilities:

- To represent the views of Goldsmiths students whilst at National Conference
- To attend the Conference for the full three days
- To vote on policy debates
- To vote in elections

## Benefits and skills you will gain in the role:

- You will gain a good understanding of national student politics
- You will have the opportunity to take part in policy debates

# Candidate checklist

<b>To do: Before nominations close (22 February 2019 at 12pm)</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
Complete nomination form at <a href="http://goldsmithssu.org/democracy/elections">goldsmithssu.org/democracy/elections</a> .	
Uploaded your photo with your nomination.	
If you are running for a Full-Time Officer position or Student Trustee position: Completed your Trustee Declaration form and returned it to <a href="mailto:thaniyah@goldsmithssu.org">thaniyah@goldsmithssu.org</a> .	
Attend the Candidate Briefing on Friday 22nd February 2019 at 4pm.	
Collect candidate pack from the Students' Union.	
Read the election rules and confirmed your understanding.	
<b>To do: During the training period (25th February - 1st March 2019)</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
Attend effective campaigning training session.	
Upload 600 word manifesto to Students' Union website by Friday 1st March at 12pm .	
Submit your poster requests to the Students' Union by Friday 1st March at 12pm.	
Submitted your answers to the Candidate Questions to be published on the SU website.	
Prepared your campaign materials*.	
<b>To do: During voting week (4th - 8th March 2019)</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
Put up a banner*.	
Collect your free allocation of printing*.	
Talk to students*.	
Vote (You can vote for yourself!)*.	
Attend candidate question time on 5th March 2019*.	
Attend Coffee with Candidates event*.	
<b>To do: Once voting closes (8th March 2019)</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
Take down all banners and posters across campus and collect them in the recycling bins provided.	
Submitted your receipts to the Welcome Desk or through the candidate expenses form by 1pm on Friday 8th March 2019.	
Attend results night on 8th March 2019 in the SU Venue.	

(Items with a \* next to them are not compulsory but will support you in running an effective campaign)