

## **NUS UK Benefit Statement for Students' Union at Bournemouth University 2024/25**

NUS UK is **your national union** representing university and college students across the UK. Together we **achieve national change** for students.

As one of the world's largest student movements, we're fighting to make education free and lifelong. We believe that education should be accessible and enjoyable for all – and our community of students, educators, activists and advocates are determined to make it happen.

NUS UK's work is focused on harnessing the collective power of students and students' unions to deliver a powerful national student voice, focusing on a small number of priority campaigns.

The Students' Union at Bournemouth University's membership contribution for NUS UK is **£23,740.50**.

Students have power when we work as a collective. By being a member of NUS UK, SUBU contributes to the strength of our national student movement, and also the international movement. Through your membership of NUS UK you are also members of the European Students' Union and Global Students' Forum. The stronger we are, the more we can win for all students.

### **NUS Winning for Students**

NUS achieves a loud national voice heard at a volume that students' unions can't achieve alone:

- Media coverage worth **£10 million** per annum
- Social media reach of **three million**
- Press & public affairs worth **£1 million** per annum
- We're at the heart of governance structures where decisions affecting students are made; Office of the Independent Adjudicator for HE, Quality Assurance Agency, Office for Students

NUS gets national wins that Students' Unions couldn't achieve alone:

- Reintroducing targeted **maintenance grants** for the poorest students
  - **3.1%** increase to the maintenance loan
  - **Votes at 16** increasing electoral power for students and young people
  - **Student protections** limiting early sign-on and rent up front in the Renters Rights Bill
  - **Saved the Graduate Route Visa** for international students
  - **21 seats flipped** by students at the 2024 General Election
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**How NUS wins directly benefit students at SUBU\***

<b>Change</b>	<b>Financial Return</b>	<b>Amplified Voice (24/25)</b>
Primary legislation to tackle sexual violence & harassment at Bournemouth (via OfS E6 condition)	£962k to your students in hardship funding during covid (govt support)	4k features = £10m in positive media value
2.6k+ of your international students can still access the grad route visa	£1.2m uplift in student support in 2025	Lobbied 650 MPs on student priorities
Legal protections for renters & PBSA duties to provide affordable & accessible rooms in London (via London Plan)	£2.2m pay rise for your apprentices since 2023	Engaged over 200 sector and policy stakeholders so SUBU don't have to
1.5 million new eligible voters to vote in young people's interests	£151k in cost of living hardship (govt support, 22/23)	Created 30+ student champion MPs

*\*Estimations calculated with publicly available information*

**Case study: General Election Impact**

Through collective action NUS's campaign ensured that students were powerful at the 2024 General Election by building national influence and coordinating SU efforts across 450 constituencies.

Through our **Turn Up** campaign, the UK's biggest youth and student voter registration campaign, we delivered mass voter registration, free voter IDs via CitizenCard, and empowered voters by providing information and analysis

We also influenced political parties and prospective parliamentary candidates through our **Manifesto for our Future**.

7,500 students from over 500 institutions told us their priorities via *What Students Think*. We held 'Big Education Conversation' events in collaboration with SUs. This all fed into our Manifesto Summit, where student leaders built our manifesto. Through NUS, students created **a vision for bold, radical change** with concrete policy proposals.

We undertook analysis to identify 60 SUs in target seats where students could decide the outcome, running our **Key SUs** programme for tailored campaigns



training and support to maximise the power of the 2 million students across them.

Result of our efforts:

- **1.6 million** new young people on the electoral roll
- **20k** free voter IDs issued worth £330k
- **80k** new supporters accessing our voter support, including “How should I Vote?” and voter eligibility tools
- Flipped an additional **21 seats** in the home counties
- Intake of **30 new MPs** with a student movement background

### SUBU's role in the national student movement

Activity	Info	Next steps
<b>NUS Reps</b>	NUS reps not only attend democratic events but also get involved in campaigning activities all year round.	Register reps to represent SUBU at a national level by attending the NUS England democratic event. Reps can vote in NUS elections and plan and deliver on NUS UK's priority campaigns: funding, international students rights, trans rights and transport.
<b>NUS Elections</b>	Students at member organisations can run for NUS Full-Time Officer roles or groups such as Democratic Procedures Committee.	No current or former SUBU members hold an elected position within NUS.  Candidates from SUBU could put themselves forward for national roles in this year's coming election.
<b>Priority Submissions</b>	Members can submit their priorities in NUS democracy, setting the agenda for national democratic events, campaigns and projects.	Ahead of future democratic events, SUBU can submit priorities and encourage students to take part in NUS' 'What Students Think'.
<b>Liberation Collective</b>	The Liberation Collective is a space to strengthen and support liberation activism and is led by students and apprentices who define as: disabled, LGBT+, racialised, trans, women.	SUBU can get involved by having members join the collective, build community and create national campaigns.
<b>Regional Campaign Days</b>	Opportunities for student officers to meet up and plan local action on national priorities.	SUBU can attend the next round of regional campaign days which will be held in the winter.



<b>Regional Leads</b>	Regional leads are supported by NUS to set up regional meetings and regional communities, networking Sabbs to campaign on local issues.	Future SUBU officers could consider putting themselves forward to act as regional leads with NUS.
<b>Influencing</b>	NUS provides the secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group on Students, and members can get involved by attending our parliamentary meetings, responding to calls for evidence, and directing engaging MPs.	Engage in national campaigns through NUS calls to action, APPG for Students meetings and parliamentary engagement.

