



What is the NUS?

[NUS](#) exists to represent students and is made up of NUS UK (student representation and political lobbying) and NUS charity (union development, staff support and commercial services). Over 600 Student Unions are part of the NUS, making it the largest student organisation in the UK. Examples of the work NUS have achieved include the removal of the postgraduate loan cap for those over 30, exemption from Council Tax for all full-time students, providing a student rail card.

How does Winchester Student Union benefit from the NUS?

As we are affiliated with NUS, we send delegates to conferences and events, attend conferences such as NUS Lead & Change, and have access to resources, training, and networking events within the sector. We also have access to a trading consortium and other Union development tools and resources.

What is going on with NUS currently?

Currently, several Student Unions have disaffiliated from NUS and/or NUS UK. These Unions have cited common reasons for ending affiliation with NUS, including perceived lack of value for money, lack of actions, and lack of NUS/government collaboration. However, a recent report on antisemitism within NUS has been the most prominent cited reason.

Antisemitism in NUS

The president of NUS (Shaima Dallali) was dismissed in November 2022 following an investigation into allegations of antisemitism. This included footage of her behaviour at anti-Israel protests, prior to her appointment as President. Following an investigation started by the Trustees of NUS, an independent panel found significant breaches of NUS' policies. In addition, the panel determined that there was further evidence of antisemitism within NUS over the last two decades. NUS has resolved they will do everything they can to tackle antisemitism.

What is Winchester Student Union view on NUS

Currently and in the short-term Winchester Student Union would remain affiliated to NUS, benefiting from the work of both NUS UK and NUS charity, but that we seek to launch an all student vote (referendum) to ask our members if we should remain affiliated to NUS UK. Our elected officers are keen that this takes place as soon as practicable in the 23/24 academic year. At that time, we would provide more detailed information about NUS, the pros and cons of affiliation and any other impacts of affiliation/disaffiliation. In the meantime, if you have any questions about NUS and our relationship with them please contact su_president@winchester.ac.uk