

Rep numbers

2025-26



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This is a document for Students' Unions/Associations in membership of NUS UK. The purpose is to provide the number of reps you will receive for NUS Scotland conference in 2025-26.

This document now represents final numbers and has been updated based on the most up to date student numbers.

Principles

The two key principles for our democratic design work are:

Honesty

We're honest about how students and students' unions can meaningfully shape NUS' work. That honesty also means we're upfront about when things aren't working.

A student movement that wins

It is essential that there's a clear link between our democracy and our campaigns, creating real change for students. Our democracy should reflect students' needs and translate into wins. This means working much more closely with SUs to understand students and deliver campaigns that will have the most impact.

Basis for proposing rep numbers

The overwhelming feedback we are receiving from students' unions is that you want to have less of a burden of participation and therefore want smaller rep entitlements. A key principle of NUS' reforms to democracy was that reps are there to represent members throughout the year and not just at a single national conference. So lower numbers can mean more meaningful engagement. We're also receiving feedback that you'd still like these to be tied to student numbers but with a minimum number for smaller unions. We've already committed to ensuring FE members have a minimum of two reps.

We are no longer requiring gender balancing of your reps. The clear steer from reform was that SUs should be entrusted with choosing their own representatives who will benefit and contribute most to national work.

However, our recommendation, particularly for students' unions with larger rep numbers would be to ensure that disabled, LGBT+, trans, racialised and women students are represented through your rep selections, with NUS-UK's campaign priorities in mind.

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Calculation

Rep numbers are linked to full time equivalent student numbers.

We are keeping the same division of reps, but adding an upper cap to ensure the size difference between larger and smaller unions is not too great.

Rep numbers will be calculated by dividing FTE student numbers by 3,000 and rounding to the nearest decimal place.

There will be a minimum rep number of two, ensuring the principle passed in reform that smaller unions (particularly FE) will receive a minimum of two reps.

There will be a maximum rep number of eight.

All data is either taken from HESA student numbers 23/24 or the results of the NUS Charity Big Su Survey. FTE calculation is based on HESA's standard weighting i.e. a part time student counts for 0.6 FTE.

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Name	Nation	Student numbers FTE	Proposed Reps
Aberdeen University Students' Association	NUS Scotland	12070	4
Abertay University Students' Association	NUS Scotland	3965	2
Ayrshire College Students Association	NUS Scotland	8724.8	3
Borders College	NUS Scotland	1942.8	2
City of Glasgow College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	18701.8	6
Dumfries and Galloway College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	1025.2	2
Dundee and Angus College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	5550	2
Edinburgh College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	1575	2
Edinburgh Napier Students' Association (ENSA)	NUS Scotland	12610	4
Edinburgh University Students' Association	NUS Scotland	36260	8
Fife College Students' Association.	NUS Scotland	68	2
Forth Valley College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	7311.2	2
GCU Students' Association	NUS Scotland	17375	6
Glasgow Clyde College	NUS Scotland	4100	2
Glasgow Kelvin College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	10878.6	4
Glasgow School of Art Students' Association	NUS Scotland	2665	2
Heriot-Watt University Student Union	NUS Scotland	9270	3
Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA)	NUS Scotland	27055.6	8
New College Lanarkshire	NUS Scotland	13190	4
Newbattle Abbey College SRC	NUS Scotland	73.6	2
North East Scotland College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	13495.4	5
Robert Gordon University Students' Union	NUS Scotland	10495	4
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Students' Union	NUS Scotland	1120	2
Sabhal mor Ostaig Comann Nan Oileanach	NUS Scotland	7155	2
South Lanarkshire College Students' Association	NUS Scotland	4992.8	2
SRUC Students' Association (SRUCSA)	NUS Scotland	1460	2
Students' Association of the University of the West of Scotland	NUS Scotland	14390	5
University of Stirling Students' Union	NUS Scotland	11305	4
University of Strathclyde Students' Association	NUS Scotland	20145	7
West College Scotland	NUS Scotland	25932	8
West Lothian College	NUS Scotland	120	2