

# Guidance on selecting Liberation Reps

## *Liberation Rep Guidance*

*This document has been created with the intention of answering questions members may have about selecting Liberation Reps.*

**Each SU has a set number of Liberation Reps**, who elect the Vice President Liberation and Equality. Each union has a set number of five Liberation Reps with one rep for each of NUS' five Liberation groups:

- Disabled
- LGBT+
- Trans
- Racialised
- Women

### **What do Liberation Reps do?**

Liberation Reps are selected by Students' Unions **specifically to vote for the NUS Vice President Liberation and Equality.**

### **Who should I register as our Liberation Reps?**

Ultimately, who you register is at your discretion – we believe that you know your members best. Our advice is to generally register the students you would previously have registered for Liberation Conference. This could be Part-Time Officers, network chairs, etc. We advise that where possible, Liberation Reps hold an elected role in your SU and/or, depending on how your SU does its decision-making, a position in which they represent students from their communities.

What we would advise is that your reps need to speak to the diversity of your student body. Reps should consult and engage with different groups in helping to decide how to cast their vote.

We'd recommend registering students who are able to participate in NUS campaigns, including Liberation Collective activity, year-round.

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## Is there still a Liberation Conference?

Following NUS reform, there is no Liberation Conference as liberation campaigns are now undertaken by the Liberation Collective. Students at member SUs are very welcome to sign up to get involved in the collective's work here.

A Liberation Collective event takes place each year which members are welcome to attend. This year's event is set to take place in May – more details will be published in due course.

## Is this the same role as NUS rep?

No, the role of NUS rep is a separate role. More information on the role of NUS rep, your NUS rep entitlement, and NUS rep responsibilities is available at [www.nus.org.uk/democracy](http://www.nus.org.uk/democracy)

## Liberation Rep role profile

### Skills and qualities:

- An advocate for students
- Ability to work collaboratively with student leaders across the country
- Commitment to participating in national campaigns and movement building
- Ability to bring together students on campus
- A commitment to representing students at a national level
- Motivated change-maker

### Duties:

- Voting for the next NUS VP Liberation and Equality
- Attending hustings
- Participating in NUS campaign actions and activities