

Conference Notes:

1. NUS is the self-professed national voice of students, with around 600 affiliated students' unions.
2. NUS members include higher education institutions, further education institutions and apprenticeship providers. Within our members are specialist institutions including Derwen College, a specialist residential FE college for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities.
3. NUS liberation campaigns are at the heart of our work, fighting for liberation from oppression.
4. NUS this year has created a training programme – FE Leaders – developed specifically for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Conference believes:

1. Learners with learning difficulties and disabilities are entitled to a voice within our structures, entitled to have their views listened to and their voice heard.
2. NUS prides itself on access awareness, but is still falling short for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities. Our campaigns and national conference remain inaccessible to this group.
3. NUS has a duty to ensure that all members are able to understand processes, to make an informed decision and choice. However, if learners with learning difficulties and disabilities cannot understand or interpret the information provided by NUS, then this is a barrier to participation.
4. Learners with learning difficulties and disabilities are very limited in their choices for further education, and it is essential that their rights are promoted, defended and extended.

Conference resolves:

1. To maintain the FE Leaders programme developed specifically for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities.
2. For the VPFE and VPUD to work with the Disabled Students' Officer, to review NUS information and produce accessible versions.

[VPFE means Vice President Further Education]

[VPUD means Vice President Union Development]