

Referendum on NUS Affiliation

Week 6, Autumn Term. 12th-16th of November 2007

Should the University of York Students' Union remain affiliated to the National Union of Students?

Our Philosophy

Groups within YUSU can campaign upon the affiliation issue such as Women's, LGBT, Environment and Ethics, Racial Equality and Training,

Union officers may comment upon the issue within their personal capacity rather than their positional.

Union funds will be spent to publicise the week of events and voting. We will also produce an information leaflet with a non-partisan stance.

Campaigns will be self-organising and will be supplied with funds. More information is supplied with regards to the campaigns.

The Campaigns

How will the campaigns be organised?

Meetings of each of the campaigns will be convened for 7.30pm Monday Week 4.

The campaigns will then organise themselves with the co-ordination of a campaign leader.

What is a Campaign Leader?

A Campaign Leader is elected to lead the respective Campaign Groups in the referendum. One will lead the Yes Campaign and another will lead the No Campaign.

The Campaign Leader will be the main point of contact for the Union and the student media in relation to this referendum.

The Campaign Leader will also:

- co-ordinate the campaigning activities for the respective Campaign Group;
- produce a campaign outline for general publicity purposes;
- may designate a campaign committee comprised of full members of YUSU;
- attend the Campaign Leaders Briefing;
- be accountable for the Campaign Budgets and any allocated funds.

Candidates for the Campaign Leader will need to be full members of YUSU and must not run to lead both campaigns. The elected Campaign Leaders will also be asked to abide by a Campaign Code of Conduct.

How will the Campaign Leaders be elected?

Campaign Leaders will be elected by a meeting for each of the respective Campaign Groups. The meetings will be co-ordinated. All full members of YUSU may attend both meetings and vote. Each candidate will be asked to provide the meeting with a short speech about their candidature before the vote.

Campaigns Resources

Each campaign will be given £150 print credit within the union print room, Your: Print. A further £50 will be allocated for other initiatives which must be checked by the returning officer. All publicity must adhere to the referendum rules which are maintained by the returning officer.

Each campaign will be given a section of the referendum minisite on www.yusu.org/referendum

A Week of Events

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
NUS Affiliation Panel Debate featuring Gemma Tumelty 7pm V/045	Society Event in V/045	Visiting Speaker John Randall past YUSU President and NUS President. 7pm V/045	Society Event in V0/45	12pm Results Publicised
Voting opens midnight Monday and closes at midnight Thursday. www.yusu.org				

Other Information

All events are to take place in V045.

Voting will open on Monday at midday and finish Thursday at midnight on www.yusu.org

Quoracy level is 600+

The Referendum Co-ordinator will be Anne-Marie Canning, President.
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The Returning Officer will be Matt Burton, Services and Finance Officer.
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