



# STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

23/24



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## WHAT IS A STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT?

Student Partnership Agreements (SPA) are a way in which Students' Associations (SA) and institutions can promote ways in which students can interact with staff at their institution to improve the quality of their student experience. Although there is a large focus on improving the learning experience and enhancing student courses, SPAs are an opportunity for SAs and their institutions to look at how they can improve the overall student experience. They're also an opportunity to agree a set of three to five priority areas upon which the SA and institution will work together, in partnership.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AT NESCOL?

North East Scotland College (NESCol) and the NESCol Students' Association (NESCol SA) agree to work in partnership to achieve shared priorities outlined in this document. Both parties will work collaboratively to ensure that all students can get involved in actively shaping and influencing their overarching student experiences.

This SPA has been developed through various discussions and workshop activities involving students, sabbatical officers, senior management, curriculum & support staff and the College's quality team with input from SPARQs. Students will be updated on progress of the SPA projects throughout the year through use of activities, events and regular communication.

Through progressing the priority projects outlined in this document, NESCol and NESCol SA are hoping to strengthen student engagement across the College. By doing so, students will have more opportunities for personal development as well as increased involvement in shaping the College and the SA to work for them.

## WHAT IS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT?

Student engagement involves students being actively involved in shaping the direction of the College, the SA, and their student experience. This can be done through engaging with events and activities, taking part in campaigns, being involved in surveys and focus groups, etc.

Student engagement is about:

- **Delivering opportunities for students to take responsibility for their learning and contribute to a successful learning & teaching experience.**
- **Developing processes for students to feedback on their learning experience and for the College to hear what students are saying in relation this, so that students & staff can influence change.**
- **Providing students with responses to feedback so that they see their contribution is valued and is used to shape successful experiences for them, future learners & the College.**
- **Identifying and supporting opportunities for all students to be involved in wider College experiences.**
- **Encouraging personal and professional development opportunities for students & staff.**

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT?

**Part A** of the SPA provides an overview of the opportunities the College and the Students' Association provide for students to engage in their learning and the wider student experience. The Student Engagement Action Group (SEAG), comprised of students, college staff and the Students' Association approved the map of opportunities for students.

**Part B** of the SPA outlines the priority projects the College and the SA will conduct to enhance overall student experience and student engagement. These projects include both a College staff and an SA staff lead to ensure true partnership working throughout. Staff and students will be kept updated on the progress of these projects through bi-annual progress reports.

PART A  
ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**CURRICULUM  
& QUALITY**

CLASS REPS  
SURVEY  
FOCUS GROUPS  
COURSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
CAMPUS SHOPS  
SPORTS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY  
CLASS FEEDBACK

**LIBRARY PLUS**

LIBRARY EVENTS  
FOCUS GROUPS  
SURVEYS  
VENUE

**STUDENT SUPPORT**

FOCUS GROUPS  
SURVEYS  
STUDENT EVENTS  
STUDENT GROUPS

**ACADEMIC TUTORS**

INITIAL SUPPORT  
REGULAR FEEDBACK  
1:1 MEETINGS

**STUDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION**

SABBATICAL OFFICERS  
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS  
CLASS REPS  
PEER-LED REVIEWS  
SOCIETIES  
CLUBS  
FOCUS GROUPS  
SURVEYS  
REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS  
AWARDS

## PART B

### NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE AND NESCOL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2023/2024

#### PRIORITY PROJECTS ACTION PLAN

Project	SA Lead	College Lead	Intended Impact	Key Actions	Measures
Cost of Living	Alina Zaharia (Depute President, City Campus and Altens)	Elaine Makein (Head of Sector, Creative Industries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support student retention and positive outcomes by raising awareness of appropriate services and support internally and externally</li> <li>Maximise the potential impact of the current Cost of Living initiatives and budget spend of the SA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Student Kitchens</li> <li>Review the impact of the Student Pantries and Free Breakfasts across campus</li> <li>Explore additional financial support and fundraising opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Kitchens are accessible to students in City Campus, Fraserburgh and Altens</li> <li>Student Survey Feedback</li> <li>Completed evaluation of Breakfast Club and Student Pantry</li> <li>Additional income secured and reported through the Student Engagement Action Group and Student Representative Committee</li> </ul>
Wellbeing	Carrie Beaton (Regional President)	Tanya Sinclair (Student Wellbeing Advisor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional wellbeing provision for students at NESCol</li> <li>Improve student wellbeing by supporting NESCol's Wellbeing Strategy</li> <li>Improve communication regarding wellbeing for NESCol students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore student led support opportunities in partnership with the Wellbeing Executive Officer and Student Wellbeing Advisers</li> <li>Update the Student Mental Health Agreement in partnership with NUS</li> <li>Work with the Student Wellbeing Advisers to improve student knowledge of external support options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting of activity through Student Engagement Action Group</li> <li>Updated document is approved by the Student Representative Committee and made available to NESCol students</li> <li>Student Survey Feedback</li> </ul>
Community	Daniel Watson (Depute President, Fraserburgh)	Faye Webster (Active Campus Coordinator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have a variety of opportunities for student to engage with NESCol and the NESCol SA through extra-curricular activity</li> <li>Enhance sense of belonging the NESCol community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work alongside the Active Campus Coordinator and Executive Officers to expand the current offer of extracurricular opportunities for NESCol students</li> <li>Develop volunteering opportunities for students across NESCol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor attendance and engagement of extra-curricular activities</li> <li>Completed SA volunteering policy</li> <li>Student Survey Feedback</li> </ul>



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