NESCol Students' Association

STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2024-25

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE

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

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE AND NESCOL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2024/2025 PRIORITY PROJECTS ACTION PLAN

Project	SA Lead	College Lead	Intended Impact	Key Actions	Measures
Community	**Viktorija Nikitina** (Regional President)	**Faye Webster** (Active Campus Co-Ordinator)	To have a variety of opportunities for student to engage with the NESCol Students' Association and NESCol through extracurricular activity Enhance sense of belonging the NESCol community Improved support and engagement from Club and Society Leaders	Develop Volunteering Procedure Introduce gaming corners in Altens, Fraserburgh and City Campus	Increased participation in extra curricular activity Completed Volunteering Procedure Student Satisfaction Data
Student Engagement	**Kirsty Pettitt** (Student Engagement and Wellbeing Manager)	**Hayley Ewen** (Senior Quality Co-Ordinator)	Raise awareness of the impact of the Students' Association in NESCol Improved communication of actions taken based on student feedback	Development of a Student Feedback Hub Development of Communication Plan for Student Feedback	Student Feedback Hub accessible to all students Student Satisfaction Data
Wellbeing	**Emma MacIsaac** (Depute President)	**Aimee Ridgeway** (Student Support Manager)	Improve student wellbeing by supporting NESCol's Wellbeing Strategy Improve retention and engagement of Executive Officers	Update Student Mental Health Agreement Develop Executive Officer Training Package	Student Mental Health Agreement launched Increased Executive Officer retention

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