

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS Student Voices in Higher Education Conference 2025

Wednesday 30th April and Thursday 1st May 2025 at BMA House, London powered by Explorance.

Student voice is now at the forefront of how Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the UK are challenged to maintain academic standards, manage quality assurance and enhancement processes, and deliver a high-quality student experience.

With a Student Voice section in the National Student Survey (NSS) that asks learners_about their views on their higher education experience, there is renewed emphasis on capturing feedback to enhance the quality of provision in the UK Quality Code for Higher Education 2024 published by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA). Both will be top-of-mind for universities preparing their student voice strategy.

The Student Voices in Higher Education Conference, powered by Explorance, returns in 2025 to examine the sector's latest developments and explore how artificial intelligence (AI) and other technologies are driving innovation.

We are now inviting expressions of interest for the delivery of papers, presentations, thought leadership pieces, best practices, and case studies on student voices in higher education (how HEIs are utilising student feedback to achieve more robust solutions for teaching effectiveness, learning excellence, and student experience). The conference's sub-theme will be "Enhancing Student Voices in Higher Education"

Themes/areas of discussion will include:

- Latest thinking, perspectives, and experiences on the NSS student voice section: how students get the right opportunities to give feedback on their course, to what extent students' opinions about the course are valued by staff, and how clear it is that students' feedback on the course is acted on.
- Responses to The UK Quality Code for Higher Education 2024: including how transparent
 arrangements exist for the collective student voice to be heard and responded to, how students
 understand that their voice has been listened to, and other principles. See our related <u>blog</u> for more
 details.
- Key institutional student voice principles: strategic objectives, methods for engagement, and impact
 e.g., on student experience, quality of learning/education, widening participation,
 governance/decision-making, continuous improvement, etc.
- Overcoming challenges: gathering the full range of student voices, increasing response rates, reducing survey fatigue, closing the feedback loop, incorporating more technology and AI to enhance feedback mechanisms, effective analysis and reporting to inform institutional enhancement, etc.
- Other perspectives linked to our 2024 Student Voices in Higher Education Conference (see <u>Empowering Student Engagement: 5 Themes from Explorance's Student Voices Conference</u>).

The Student Voices in Higher Education Conference 2025 welcomes anyone with a keen interest in student voice, especially its application for teaching effectiveness, learning excellence, and student experience. It is a truly unique space for academic, professional, and administrative teams to share best practices, insights, and lessons learned from student voice initiatives. We welcome contributors and delegates responsible for strategic planning, teaching and learning, student experience, satisfaction and voice, quality assurance/enhancement, and course/module evaluation.



Session Submission Form

Please note, there are two deadlines

- 1. Submit your interest to present a session by simply emailing connectemea@explorance.com. Please confirm your full name and job title and state that you'd like to present by Friday 6th December 2024
- 2. Complete and submit this form in full by Friday 10th January 2025.

Please collate the following information to complete the form: speaker names and biographies; up to 150 words on the topic to be covered; synopsis; availability; social media handles; profile photo and institution logo, and any other relevant information.

The information you supply may form part of the marketing material provided to delegates. Explorance reserves the right to abridge content for inclusion in the conference website and brochure.

You will need to specify whether you would prefer to speak on Wednesday 30th or Thursday 1st May 2025. This will help us to determine how to arrange the blocks of sessions.

Contact details and session title

HEI/Organisation name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Speaker details

Primary speaker name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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More about your session

Synopsis: Please give a clear and focused synopsis of your session content. This will be used to populate information on the conference website and to promote your session. Maximum 150 words.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Availability: Please advise when you are available:	☐ Wednesday 30 th April 2025
	☐ Thursday 1 st May 2025
	□ Any

Thank you

Many thanks for completing this form, please email it to <u>connectemea@explorance.com</u> to submit your application. You will be informed of conference committee decisions about successful sessions.