

NO TO FEE RISES, NO TO THE TEF

BOYCOTT THE NSS

The 2017 National Student Survey (NSS) will be used to allow universities and colleges to raise their fees based on their awards in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). Pledge your support for an NSS boycott by visiting www.nus.org.uk/nssboycott.

What is the TEF?

The TEF is a rating system sorting universities into **Gold, Silver and Bronze** institutions based on how they score in the following key set of metrics:

- The scores the university gets in the NSS
- The number of students who drop out of their courses
- What students end up doing once they graduate and how much they earn, ie. graduate employment data

Every institution who enters the TEF and receives a 'medal' will be able to raise fees up to a different level based on what they get. **The government is creating a forced market of institutions charging higher different prices for degrees.** This will increase inequality both in terms of students entering HE and their graduate prospects.

What is the NSS?

The NSS is a survey of final year undergraduate students used to measure course satisfaction. **It was never intended to measure teaching excellence, or for it to be linked to funding and fees. The government is manipulating student feedback to create a false market and justify fee rises.**

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What can we do about it?

The government has not listened to students and students' unions who have consistently argued and lobbied against the flawed plans. The NSS will be the only place where students have any power and leverage left to force a rethink. **NUS is coordinating a campaign encouraging students not to fill in the NSS.**

Why should I boycott the NSS?

The TEF will not only lead to increased fees, it could also damage the reputation of your university and in future **devalue your degree**. This is because **it uses flawed arbitrary data that does not measure teaching excellence.**

Students are at our most powerful when we work together. **By boycotting the NSS, you are not allowing your voice to be used to damage the reputation of your institution, devalue your degree and raise fees.**

The fewer students who fill in the NSS, the more the TEF is damaged. **We are sending a strong message to the government: we will not be complicit with your agenda and our feedback won't be used against us.**

How can I join the NSS boycott?

If you are a final year undergraduate student please **visit the link below to sign up to boycott the NSS**. By signing up you will help NUS and your students' union to accurately record the number of students boycotting.

Your university may also contact you to encourage you to take part. **Use the opportunity to tell them you are consciously boycotting because of the government's HE reforms.**

If you are not a final year undergraduate you can still help as a supporter or campaigner! Just follow the link below to sign up.

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