



 **Student Voices**
in Higher Education

 11-12 February 2026

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Explorance empowers higher education institutions with next-generation feedback analytics to accelerate the insight-to-action cycle. As a collaborative partner, Explorance aligns with institutions that embrace a feedback culture, where open and courageous conversations are encouraged to drive purpose, impact, and growth.

Student Voices in Higher Education Conference

Explorance is excited to host the Student Voices in Higher Education conference, now in its fourth year, which provides a unique space for academic, professional, and administrative teams to share best practice, insights, and lessons learned from student voice initiatives, and ensure we all take active responsibility to gather and truly listen to student voices.

This conference brings together contributors and delegates with responsibility for strategic planning, teaching and learning, student experience, satisfaction and voice, quality assurance and enhancement, as well as course and module evaluation.

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10:00	<p>10:00 to 10:45 Registration & Refreshments 🍷</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
10:45	<p>10:45 to 11:00 Conference Welcome John Atherton, Explorance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
11:00	<p>11:00 to 11:30 Keynote Student Voice: A Journey from SSLC to Co-creation Prof. Osama Khan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Aston University</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
11:30	<p>11:30 to 12:15 Driving Engagement: Ulster University's Holistic Approach with Explorance Blue and MLY • Ursula McTaggart, Ulster University • Chris Slack, Explorance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
12:15	<p>12:15 to 13:15 Networking Lunch 🍷</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
13:15	<p>13:15 to 13:45 Workshop Belonging Theory Into Practice: A Framework to Enhance Student Success in Higher Education • Tom Lowe, University of Westminster • Caroline Cooke, Royal Holloway, University of London</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>	<p>13:15 to 13:45 Student Voice, within the Student Voice • Mark Warner, Nescot College • Jackie O'Connor, GESH: St George's, Epsom and St Helier Hospitals and Health Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Anderson Barnes</p>	<p>13:15 to 13:45 Co-Creating Climate Narratives: International Students as Partners in Environmental Education • Michelle Lin Braby, University of the Arts London, School of Pre-Degree Studies</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Murrell</p>
13:50	<p>13:50 to 14:20 Workshop The Student Engagement Maze: Turning the Physical into the Digital • Rosie Jones, University of Sussex • Helen McGlead, University of Sussex</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>	<p>13:50 to 14:20 Embedding Student Voices in the Design and Evaluation of a New Masters Unit: Fashion Practices for Social Change • Dr Rose Thompson, University of the Arts London • Dr Francesco Mazzarella, University of the Arts London • Jiaqi Zheng, University of the Arts London</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Anderson Barnes</p>	<p>13:50 to 14:20 How Can Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Evolve to Meet Future Employers' Skill Expectations • Leia Gifford, Chichester College Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Murrell</p>
14:20	<p>14:20 to 14:45 Networking Break 🍷</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
14:45	<p>14:45 to 15:15 Plenary Findings of a Sector Audit of Student Voice Practices in UK Higher Education • Tom Lowe, Kirsty Bryant & Jill LeBihan, University of Westminster • Ashley Storer-Smith, University College London • Dr Nathaniel Pickering, University of Greenwich</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
15:15	<p>15:15 to 16:00 Panel Discussion Leading with Listening: The Transformative Power of Student Voices • Moderator: Brian Green, University of Strathclyde • Jill Hanson, Regent College London • Julie Kapsalis, Nescot College • Stephen Marquard, University of Cape Town</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
16:00	<p>16:00 to 16:15 Day 1 Closing Remarks John Atherton, Explorance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
16:15	<p>16:15 to 18:00 Networking Reception 🍷 Drinks, nibbles & surprise performances</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
18:00	<p>18:00 to 21:00 Social Networking 🍷 For those who wish to continue, an optional social gathering will follow at a local pub</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 The Marquis Cornwallis Pub</p>		
21:00			

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9:30	<p>09:30 to 10:00 Registration & Refreshments 🍴</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
10:00	<p>10:00 to 10:15 Day 2 Welcome John Atherton, Explorance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
10:15	<p>10:15 to 10:45 Keynote Rethinking Student Voice from Feedback to Power Amira Campbell, President, National Union of Students (NUS)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
10:45	<p>10:45 to 11:30 Building a Culture of Listening: Strengthening Student Voices with Explorance BlueX Chris Slack, Explorance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
11:30	<p>11:30 to 12:00 Plenary Voice It, Shape It, Live It, and See It: Student Feedback at Bath Spa University using Explorance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Garman, Bath Spa University • Emilia Dunmore, Bath Spa University <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
12:00	<p>12:00 to 13:00 Networking Lunch 🍴</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
13:00	<p>13:00 to 13:30 From End-of-Module Evaluation Towards 'Continuous Module Dialogue'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Wilkie, University College London • Jesper Hansen, University College London <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>	<p>13:00 to 13:30 Redefining Student Voice as a Driver of Value in Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Dunne, University of Sunderland in London • Marine Andre, University of Sunderland in London <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Anderson Barnes</p>	<p>13:00 to 13:30 Belonging by Design: Student-Led Approaches to Shaping Belonging in Higher Education through Co-Creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanisha Douglas, Birmingham City University <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Murrell</p>
13:35	<p>13:35 to 14:05 Workshop From Consultation to Co-Creation: Reimagining Student Voice Through Action, Insight, and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Precilla, City St George's University of London <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>	<p>13:35 to 14:05 International Student Voices: Exclusion and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chi-Wang Edgar Lee, University of Westminster • Rajat Shah, University of Westminster <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Anderson Barnes</p>	<p>13:35 to 14:05 PhD Tea and Chat: Fostering a Peer-led Support Community to Shape PGR Student Voices at HE Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Lezhi Zhang, University of the Arts London • Meher Shiblee, University of the Arts London <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Murrell</p>
14:05	<p>14:05 to 14:30 Networking Break 🍴</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Snow</p>		
14:30	<p>14:30 to 15:00 Plenary Pre Arrival Questionnaire (PAQ) – Headline Findings from the First National Pilot in England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Neves, Advance HE • Dr Michelle Morgan, University of East London <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
15:00	<p>15:00 to 15:45 Panel Discussion Student Voice in Practice: Turning Feedback into Meaningful Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Gareth Jones, Open SU • Noah Thorley, Chester Students' Union • Afia Amanoullah, Aston Students' Union • Ryan Lucas, Bath Spa University • Zaki Kaf Al-Ghazal, Salford SU <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
15:45	<p>15:45 to 16:00 Conference Close John Atherton, Explorance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">📍 Great Hall</p>		
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