



 **Student Voices**
in Higher Education

 11-12 February 2026

 BMA House | London, UK

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About Explorance

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.

To learn more

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10:00

10:00 to 10:45

Registration & Refreshments 🍷

📍 Snow

10:45

10:45 to 11:00

Conference Welcome

John Atherton, Explorance

📍 Paget

11:00

11:00 to 11:30

Keynote

Student Voice: A Journey from SSLC to Co-creation

Prof. Osama Khan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Aston University

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11:30

11:30 to 12:15

Driving Engagement: Ulster University's Holistic Approach with Explorance Blue and MLY

- Ursula McTaggart, Ulster University
- Chris Slack, Explorance

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12:15

12:15 to 13:15

Networking Lunch 🍽️

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13:15

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

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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

📍 Anderson Barnes

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

📍 Murrell

13:50

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

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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

📍 Anderson Barnes

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

📍 Murrell

14:20

14:20 to 14:45

Networking Break 🍷

📍 Snow

14:45

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

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15:15

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

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16:00

16:00 to 16:15

Day 1 Closing Remarks

John Atherton, Explorance

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16:15

16:15 to 18:00

Networking Reception 🍷

Drinks, nibbles & surprise performances

📍 Snow

18:00

18:00 to 21:00

Social Networking 🍷

For those who wish to continue, an optional social gathering will follow at a local pub

📍 The Marquis Cornwallis Pub

21:00

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