

# **Call for Contributions**

Student Voices in Higher Education
Conference 2026
11–12 February 2026 | BMA House, London
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Theme: "The Power of Student Voices: Inclusion, Insight, and Innovation



# Why Student Voice, Why Now?

Student voice is more than feedback — it's a vehicle for partnership, transformation, and shared accountability in higher education. In 2026, amid the ongoing evolution of AI, policy expectations, and rising demand for meaningful inclusion, institutions must go beyond listening — and create structures that act, reflect, and reimagine learning with students.

# **We're Inviting Proposals That:**

Explore how student voice is driving change in:

- Capturing and enhancing the student voice through module evaluation
- · Teaching and learning enhancement
- Institutional strategy and governance
- Belonging, wellbeing, and culture
- Technology and AI in engagement
- Assessment, curriculum, and pedagogic innovation

## **Suggested Topics**

- Taking a strategic approach to managing quality and standards
- Engaging students as partners
- Using data to inform and evaluation quality
- Monitoring, evaluating and enhancing provision
- Designing, developing, approving and modifying programmes

We also encourage you to draw inspiration from the <u>5 Key Takeaways from Student Voices</u> in <u>Higher Education 2025 blog</u>--—these insights highlight how student voice, co-creation, Al, and actionable insights are driving impactful change across HE institutions.

## **Who Should Submit?**

We especially welcome:

- Staff-student co-presentations
- Student researchers and contributors
- Academic and professional services staff in teaching, learning, quality, or student experience
- Leadership and strategic roles

#### **Submission Timeline**

- Expression of Interest Deadline: **Friday, 26 September 2025** (If you've already reached out to us with interest to present, don't worry we have this on record).
- Final Submission Deadline: Friday, 17 October 2025

## **Submission Requirements**

Please email your expression of interest to: connectemea@explorance.com by 26 September 2025, including:

- Your full name and job title
- A brief confirmation you'd like to present
- If possible, the topic you are interested in proposing

### By 17 October 2025, submit a completed form including:

- Session title
- Speaker names, roles, and 150-word biographies
- Session synopsis (max 150 words)
- Preferred session day (11 or 12 Feb)
- Social media profile links
- Profile photos and institutional logos (for marketing)
- Any relevant additional details

**Note:** Your synopsis may be included in marketing materials. Explorance reserves the right to abridge content for inclusion in the event programme.

#### **Session Types**

- Presentations (30 min)
- Workshops (30-45min, interactive)
- Lightning Talks (10-20 min)
- Panels or Roundtables (multi-speaker)

#### **Contact**

- Event email: connectemea@explorance.com
- Conference organizer, Firuze Aygun: faygun@explorance.com



## **Session Submission Form**

Please note, there are two deadlines

- Submit your interest to present a session by simply emailing <u>connectemea@explorance.com.</u> Please confirm your full name and job title and state that you'd like to present by **Friday 26 September 2025**
- 2. Complete and submit this form in full by Friday 17 October 2026.

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 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026. 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.
Contact name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact email:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Office telephone number:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Mobile number:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Session title:	Click or tap here to enter text.

# Speaker details

Primary speaker name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Primary speaker job title:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Primary speaker biography (max 150 words,	Click or tap here to enter text.
any words over that amount will be removed)	
Primary speaker social media handles	Twitter: Click or tap here to enter text.
(please provide Twitter, LinkedIn or other	LinkedIn: Click or tap here to enter text.
social media handles below)	Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Second speaker name	Click or tap here to enter text.
Second speaker job title	Click or tap here to enter text.
Second speaker biography (max 150 words,	Click or tap here to enter text.
any words over that amount will be removed)	
Second speaker social media handles	Twitter: Click or tap here to enter text.
(please provide Twitter, LinkedIn or other	LinkedIn: Click or tap here to enter text.
social media handles below)	Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Third speaker name	Click or tap here to enter text.
Third speaker job title	Click or tap here to enter text.
Third speaker biography (max 150 words,	Click or tap here to enter text.
any words over that amount will be removed)	
Third speaker social media handles (please	Twitter: Click or tap here to enter text.
provide Twitter, LinkedIn or other social	LinkedIn: Click or tap here to enter text.
media handles below)	Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

# 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:	<ul><li>□ Wednesday 11 February 2026</li><li>□ Thursday 12 February 2026</li><li>□ Any</li></ul>

# Thank you

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