Day 1: Thursday

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.15: Opening Plenary

Connaught Suite:

- **What is the purpose of Higher Education?**
  - Aaron Porter, Vice President (Higher Education), NUS - Chair
  - Prof. Bob Burgess, Vice Chancellor, University of Leicester
  - Peter Williams, Chief Executive, Quality Assurance Agency
  - Sally Hunt, General Secretary, University & College Union

15.15 – 16.30: Workshop 1

1. Connaught Suite:
   - **Universities and student financial support – Bursaries and scholarships**
     - David Barrett, Assistant Director, Office for Fair Access;
     - Ben Gray, President, NUS Wales

2. Cavendish Suite:
   - **Student Achievement & Trialling the Higher Education Achievement Record**
     - Rob Ward, Director, Centre for Recording Achievement;
     - Aaron Porter, Vice President (Higher Education), NUS

3. Pine Room:
   - **Assessment for Learning**
     - Prof. Kay Sambell, Director of Assessment for Learning, Northumbria University CETL;
     - Linda Graham, Student Development Officer, Northumbria University CETL;
     - Hannah Pudner, Student Feedback Coordinator, NUS

4. Jubilee Room:
   - **Plagiarism & Academic Misconduct**
     - Dr. Joanne Badge & Dr Nadya Yakovchuk, Academic Integrity Project, The University of Leicester

5. Three Spires:
   - **Supporting International Students**
     - Jo Holliday, International Students Experience Project Manager, NUS

16.30 - 16.50: Break

16.50 – 18.00: Workshop II

1. Connaught Suite:
   - **Reforming university admissions**
     - Fiona Waye, Policy Adviser, Universities UK;
     - Dan Shaffer, Senior Projects Officer, Supporting Professionalism in Admissions

2. Cavendish Suite:
   - **Feedback on Assessment**
     - Brenda Smith, Senior Associate, Higher Education Academy;
     - Guy Bromley, VP Academic Affairs, Edinburgh University Students’ Association;
     - Hannah Pudner, Student Feedback Coordinator, NUS

3. Pine Room:
   - **Preparing for a Student Written Submission and Institutional Audit**
     - Derfel Owen, Development Officer (Students and Enhancement), Quality Assurance Agency

4. Jubilee Room:
   - **Supporting Nursing Students & ‘Fitness to Practice’**
     - Prof. Dame Betty Kershaw, Royal College of Nursing;
     - Ben Whittaker, National Executive Committee, NUS

5. Three Spires:
   - **Increasing Postgraduate involvement in students’ unions and NUS**
     - Aaron Porter, Vice President (Higher Education), NUS
     - Alex Bols, Head of Education and Quality, NUS

19:30: Dinner

- **After-dinner debate: Is the HE funding system broke and broken?**
  - Prof. Deian Hopkin, Vice Chancellor, London South Bank University
  - Wes Streeting, President, NUS
9.30 – 10.45: Workshop III

1. **Connaught Suite:**
   - Student representation – a HEFCE Study
     Brenda Little, Principal Policy Analyst, CHERI

2. **Cavendish Suite:**
   - Internal complaints & appeals procedures
     Jo Nuckley, Assistant Adjudicator, The Office of the Independent Adjudicator;
     Alex Bols, Head of Education and Quality, NUS

3. **Pine Room:**
   - Locked out of Lectures: Student Parents’ Experiences of Higher Education
     Geraldine Smith, Liberation Research & Development Officer (LGBT), NUS;
     Sarah Wayman, Research & Policy Officer (Student Welfare), NUS

4. **Jubilee Room:**
   - Promoting the National Student Survey
     Hannah Pudner, Student Feedback Coordinator, NUS;
     Steve Topazio, NSS Ambassador

5. **Three Spires:**
   - Students Studying Abroad
     Morgane Artacho, European Development Officer, NUS Scotland and Bologna Expert

10.45 – 11.00: Break

11.00 – 12.15: Joint Plenary

Connaught Suite
   - Part-time students – the latest research and its implications for the sector
     Prof. Claire Callender
     Professor of Higher Education Policy, Birkbeck College, University of London

12.15 – 13.30: Workshop IV

1. **Connaught Suite:**
   - Student Experience – The NUS Student Experience Report
     Kathryn Hall, Qualitative Research Director, GfK Financial;
     Riki Neill, Research Executive, GfK Financial;
     Guy Halsey, Research Executive, GfK Financial

2. **Cavendish Suite:**
   - Internal Quality Enhancement
     Derfel Owen, Development Officer (Students and Enhancement), Quality Assurance Agency;
     Ross Neilson, Quality Enhancement Officer, NUS Scotland

3. **Pine Room:**
   - Enhancing Student Engagement in Learning & Teaching
     Rebecca Freeman, Birmingham City University and Student CETL Network

4. **Jubilee Room:**
   - Medical School Unions: Separate or United?
     Billy Street, Medical and Postgraduate Students Officer, UCL Union

13.00: Working Lunch

   - Staff and Officer Networking & Discussion Forums
     Staff to forum facilitated by AMSU Course Rep Coordinators Group & RAWS

     1. Union Staff & Campaigns
     2. Supporting Course Reps – Sharing good practice

     Officers to forum facilitated by NUS NEC

15.00 Close of Conference