

# I Will... Lead the Way

## Dear Women students,

Did you know?

- Women currently make up 56 per cent of Further and Higher education students but ONLY 45% of officers and 38 per cent of Presidents in Students' Unions
- One of the four key priorities for the NUS this year is to increase the number of women in leadership positions

We are excited to announce the launch of the **'I Will... Lead the Way'** programme which will provide coaching, sponsorship and networking opportunities for women who are intending to stand for election for a full time position.

### **Are you considering standing in the 2014 elections and would like a coach to help with elections advice, confidence and career planning?**

If you would like any more information about being part of this exciting project please contact Marie Maloney.  
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### **More info on 'I Will... Lead the Way':**

#### **What is it?**

This programme will provide training, coaching, sponsorship and networking opportunities for women who are intending to stand for election or who are already elected and are considering standing for the position of President in their union.

#### **Who will be my coach?**

Coaches for students who are standing in elections will be existing full-time officers from a different students' union. They will have

experience of many of the issues that will directly affect you so are the best people to be your coach.

#### **What will I get from a coach?**

Coaches will help coachees with elections advice, confidence and career planning, alongside an opportunity for some to support their coachee with shadowing opportunities. Coaches will be expected to commit to a minimum of a 1 hour telephone call a month; however a coach can commit to more time and incorporate face-to-face meetings and shadowing.

#### **Who should apply?**

Any woman student who is intending to stand for election as President. We also are very keen to recruit intersectional women students (i.e. LGBT, Disabled, and Black women) and there will be a reserved proportion of the total spaces on the programme for women who identify into these groups.

#### **When will it start?**

Send us an email (marie.maloney@nus.org.uk) and we will provide you with information on how to sign up by **FRIDAY 17 JANUARY**. We are launching this pilot programme on 1 February 2014 and are looking to match coaches and coachees by the end of January.