

## Ghana National Union of Polytechnic Students (GNUPS)

The Ghana National Union of Polytechnic Students (GNUPS) was founded in 1985. Its establishment was necessitated by the need for a common platform to address issues concerning the Polytechnic community. GNUPS, as the sole mouthpiece of all Polytechnic students was initially under the umbrella of National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS), but has become autonomous in 1999.

The objectives of GNUPS are:

- To offer a common forum for the discussion of Polytechnic students' problems and generally to develop a spirit of solidarity among students;
- to promote co-operation, understanding and friendship among Polytechnic students and other interested groups both within and outside the country;
- to negotiate on behalf of students with government and other developmental agencies.

Every Student at any Polytechnic in the country automatically becomes a member of GNUPS. Past students of Polytechnics also enjoy full membership of the union for the first two years after graduation and thereafter become an alumni member of the union. The union has been actively participating in a number of negotiations on academic progression, job placement of polytechnic graduates and other issues of public interest particularly on Polytechnic Education, some of which yielded positive results.

### Collaboration with FES

Since it started a more intensive collaboration with youth groups in 2001, FES is very much interested in promoting GNUPS. A workshop for GNUPS leadership has been organized and representatives of GNUPS have participated at the Foundation's "Youth Leadership Training" programme.

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