

SAHAYA for NUS PRESIDENT

I'm a socialist feminist and an activist through the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts, a democratic activist network fighting for free education through which I've organised actions against ESOL cuts as well as two national demonstrations while the NUS sat by. I've founded societies, been an unpaid President of my college, an NUS NEC member and am now currently the Campaigns Officer at Arts SU.

MY RECORD

- Arts SU Campaigns Officer 2017-18
- NUS NEC 2015-17
- Chair of UAL Labour 2016-17
- Main organiser of the 2017 National Demo for Free Education
- Organiser of the Elephant & Castle occupation against gentrification
- President of SGS College

AN OPEN, DEMOCRATIC NUS

We need an NUS where votes are respected, accountability is taken seriously and ideas are debated openly. In the past year we've seen none of this. We cannot build a strong political movement through an organisation that shuns political criticism and ignores the will of its members. I want to build an NUS where disagreements are political, not personal, and where elected officers are driven to serve the movement, not their own careers.

Elect me and I will:

- Set up the governance review we voted for, prioritising more accessible conferences with more time to discuss motions, engagement beyond cliques of sabbatical officers and reversing budget cuts to liberation;
- Never abuse my position to overrule policy and prevent democratic discussion from taking place - regardless of my own views.

STUDENT POVERTY: GRANTS NOT DEBT, CUT THE RENT

From college to PhD students, poverty is rife and hundreds of thousands are having to work multiple part-time jobs just to get by. We already know why this is the case: extortionate rent levels, woeful maintenance support, inaccessible childcare and insultingly low and precarious pay. Students trying to make ends meet can't wait for a commission to tell us what we already know. We need action now.

Elect me and I will:

- Respect the votes of the last two conferences by launching a long overdue campaign for universal living grants, pushing to restore housing benefit and organising with the Disabled Students' Campaign to reverse cuts to DSA;
- Spread rent strikes across the country, working with tenants' unions and other campaign groups to win rent controls and affordable housing;
- Work with SUs on trade union drives, empowering students in part-time jobs to self-organise to win fair pay and conditions at work.

A VISION FOR FREE EDUCATION

We've voted to demand free education - but this means so much more than scrapping tuition fees. I want to fight for a education system that is democratic and accessible to all, with no price tag at any level - one that properly invests in staff, teaching and research, does not discriminate against international students and begins to break down the arbitrary distinction between higher and further education.

Elect me and I will:

- Organise a landmark conference of students and education workers to develop our vision for a cradle-to-grave National Education Service, inviting MPs and sector representatives;
- Use this to produce a democratic vision for free education, campaigning against not only fee rises but the government's ongoing efforts to create a market in both higher and further education;
- Support SUs in running local campaigns to win improved student support services, from mental health to hardship funds.

STUDENTS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

The student movement has a long history in being central to campaigns that have changed the world for the better. Let's be proud in our efforts to build on that legacy, and not give in to those who would have us sit by while inequality spreads, the far right is on the rise and the same government attacking migrants we also find complicit in destroying the natural world.

Elect me and I will:

- Unite with the labour movement to support workers in struggles and to fight inequality and austerity;
- Campaign to defend and extend the free movement of people as Brexit threatens it;
- Push for serious action on climate change beyond individualistic, consumer-focused campaigns, supporting efforts to win democratic control over the energy industry;
- Show unconditional solidarity with those around the world facing oppression.

"Sahaya knows that we can't win liberation simply by expecting management to hand it to us: we have to fight for our rights as students, and through the campaigns she has led - from disrupting her university's complicit support for the social cleansing of its local community to the brilliant work for free education she has led on a national level - it's clear she in this to fight for all of us rather than her own career." **Lily Madigan, UCA Student and Young Labour Activist**

"At a time when staff are being forced to strike to protect our pensions, it's incredibly encouraging to know that there are students like Sahaya who are willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with us. If the NUS was driven by just a fraction of her commitment to student and staff rights, we would be in a far better position to defeat the Tories." **Kyran Joughin, UAL UCU Branch Secretary**

Re-elect

SHAKIRA

No.1 for NUS National President



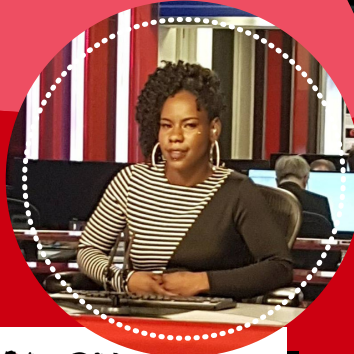
Time to get REAL

I have been humbled and honoured to be your National President for the last 8 months. I have always been honest about my story, the journey that education took me on and the huge changes we all want to see in our education system. **I was elected to listen, learn and lead; now it's time to get real about what that means both for all forms of education, and what it means for NUS.**

It's not been easy. We've had a hostile Government obsessed with all the wrong things, and I inherited a broken NUS, stuck in the past and doing things the old ways, but I have done things differently, reconnecting with SUs and the bodies you pay us to represent students to.

We still spend too much time arguing about what divides us rather than what unites us- and we miss out on opportunities where we could strike when the iron is HOT!!! So next year, re-elect and join me in rebuilding our movement- one that's open, tolerant, and diverse- fit for the future, fit for the fight and ready to get real on the issues that matter.

Boom. Shakira x



It's been an honour and a privilege to be your National President for the past year.

My NUS is: 1. GETTING REAL ON STUDENT POVERTY



We know that **money** is the number 1 barrier to getting in and getting on in education, but for years your NUS let Vice Chancellors and Principals set the funding agenda- and whilst their salaries rocketed, we let the press the public and parliament all but ignore the **scandal of student hardship**. But this year our **Poverty Commission** has started to re-write the rules on NUS Campaigning- swapping tired tactics for listening to **real** student voices that are facing barriers to education, and learning from partners and experts about policy ideas that will end the scandal of students struggling to afford housing, food or books.

Now it's time to switch things up, taking evidence, ideas and demands to decision makers from the classroom to the cabinet - involving course reps, activists, volunteers, student officers and partners - **calling for**;

- A Minimum Living Income for all students and securing the return of Grants;
- Regulation that forces Unis and Colleges to reduce costs;
- Quadrupling the dehumanising apprentice minimum wage
- Demanding universal discounts on student travel.

"I couldn't feel prouder to be supporting Shakira, the first black woman President of NUS, for a second term. As her Deputy I've seen how **she has transformed and rebuilt NUS's reputation and re-electing her will see this work go from strength to strength**. She's got a clear sense of purpose, she keeps it real and she is who we need to win for our members now.

Amatey, NUS
Deputy President
& VP Higher
Education



2. GETTING REAL BY GETTING ELECTION READY

Last year just two weeks before NUS Conference the government called a general election for most campuses' holidays or exam times, cynically hoping students would stay away from the Ballot Box. But together through #GenerationVote we proved her wrong- and in two weeks we got 2 million millennials registered to vote, breaking all records for student power in the process.

Now all the parties are **running scared**- scrabbling around to appoint ministers for students and young people, devising fag packet policies to tackle our issues and promising reviews and commissions to court our vote. I say bring it on- because there's never a bigger opportunity to win for our members than when they want our vote - and it's why we need to be **election ready right now**.

Re-elect me and I'll immediately put our movement on non stop election watch:

- Demanding automatic voter registration of students.
- Getting students and their SUs involved in a **massive programme of lobbying**, influencing and engagement with MPs, candidates and think tanks on our vision for education, diversity and opportunity.
- Making sure that student issues dominate the debate when an election is called.



When I was struggling, I made a choice. I went back to college- a way back to work and independence and away from crime and abusive relationships. I want my daughters to realise the value of education- enabling them to be the leaders and entrepreneurs of the future.

When I stood, it was to change NUS and Education for my girls, promising to listen, learn and lead - and to rebuild our relationship with SUs and students.

I said that NUS would be fun, vibrant, and a welcoming environment to take part in. I said we'd take action on social media. And I pledged that we would enable our members to be part of something bigger, empowering them to control their destiny and the world around them.

My NUS is:

3. GETTING REAL ON STUDENT RIGHTS

SUs know what students care about- things like the cost of books, affording the bus in, mental health, getting a good result, being healthy and getting their marks back. But to listen to ex-education minister Jo Johnson you'd think that their new Office 'for' Students should obsess over Freedom of Speech and VC Pay instead of the real worries we know students face.

So just like SUs do every day, this year we've been out and about getting in the face of the big agencies- doing things like getting change at the disaster stricken Student Loans Company, lobbying for bigger block grants across FE, arguing for student voice in the UK Quality Code and demanding that the OfS delivers **real** change on mental health, student contracts and closing attainment gaps so that students can get in and get on.

But it's not enough to shout about issues- now it's time for a big push on student rights, supporting SUs and activists to win minimums and standards in every part of our education system. So together next year we will:

- Build and launch a **national student rights framework** on everything from academic appeals to eduroam.
- Give you the tools, tactics and arguments to agitate for change on campus.
- Not let a single sector bigwig off the hook on our positive agenda for student success.



“Shakira is an empowering, passionate and genuine leader. As President she has valued, contributed and represented voices from all learning journeys. As NUS Wales Deputy President I have felt that our concerns and decisions in Wales have been respected, listened to and never dismissed by Shakira as President. I'm **backing Shakira for re-election as our UK President for an NUS that is listening, learning and leading!**

Carmen, Deputy President, NUS Wales



My NUS has:

- Done the largest commission on student poverty ever, getting grants on the agenda
- Driven work on Race Equity internally
- Reached out to sector contacts and influencers
- Pioneered work on street safety and knife crime for young people

Next year my NUS will:

- Work to bring the next generation of young Black student leaders into our Unions
- Bring more students from colleges into discussions and campaigns that can transform their lives.
- Research into boosting the budget for the National Society of Apprentices and including Degree Apprentices
- Continue to lobby UCAS to anonymise the application system

LISTENING, LEARNING, AND LEADING:

4. GETTING REAL ABOUT NUS

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Being a part of NUS is supposed to be **brilliant**. You all put some money in the middle to make it **easier** to transform students' lives locally and nationally. But last year I promised you some real talk - and right now NUS is slow and intimidating, full of infighting, and spends too much time and money on the wrong things.

So just like SUs all around the country do every year, we've started making **big internal changes**. We're cutting back on **costs**, starting to gather proper **intel** on real student and SU priorities, and thinking hard about how to **boost block grants** and SU income so you can do your job for students.

But now we need some **real change** - and we'll only do it together. Re-elect me and I'll put you in the tent on NUS' turnaround, involving anyone that cares about our movement in the big decisions we will need to take on structures, democracy, services and campaigns to survive, as well as:

- Deliver a proper **services and benefits statement** for SUs.
- Develop a new way to **develop and debate issues and policy** constructively.
- Nail a proper **support briefing and training offer** for everyone involved in the student movement.

“Shakira has been incredible in her first term as National President of NUS. She has spoken boldly and fought honestly for students both on the ground and on a wider level. She has supported FE, HE, and inspired me massively as an Officer; so I can't wait to re-elect her at Conference.



Chuchu, VP Community and Welfare, Roehampton SU



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see accessible versions of my manifesto on my website or facebook page, or if you need another format get in touch! Drop me a line at shakira.martin@nus.org.uk

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FOR NUS PRESIDENT

LEADERSHIP

TRANSFORMATION

SUCCESS

MY EXPERIENCE

- ❑ International Student's Officer King's College London 2015-16
- ❑ Vice President for Activities and development KCLSU 2016-2017
- ❑ President of KCLSU 2017-2018

MY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ **345 rooms for International Students in the King's Affordable Accommodation Scheme**- What goes un-noticed is the immense financial hardships international students face. The strong compassion for this matter enabled me to make the impossible possible - 345 rooms were at a subsidized price for international students from a low income background.
- ❖ **Global Lounge** - King's College London remained opened for the first time during Christmas break to provide students with free food/games to uplift them in the Christmas spirit. Sometimes, small things can have a great impact.
- ❖ **Ensured Toilets were equipped with water showers** in Kings (including in any future estate developments) to accommodate their religious practices
- ❖ **Organized a Refreshers Orientation** for international students who missed fresher's because of visa delays
- ❖ **Supported Islamophobia Awareness Month** activities led by our VP Education
- ❖ **First Wheelchair Sports Event for Disabled Students** at KCL.
- ❖ **Asked the University for a Review** of the whole external speaker's process we have to make sure our principles are in line with the **Freedom of Speech**
- ❖ **Overcoming** the difficulty of long term room bookings was achieved through **reducing the notice time from 10 to 3 Days**. This had a positive impact on our activity groups dealing with events.

- ❖ **Visa fees for International Student**- I believe international students are an indispensable part of the student community and we are trying our best to ensure they are supported as active members of the SU alongside national students. My passion to inspire them resulted in new opened possibilities of the SU bearing international students visa expenses once elected as a sabbatical officer.
- ❖ **Protests**
 - Led protests against unjust policies by Trump (Travel ban or the Establishment of an embassy in Palestine)
 - Free Education
 - The UK government to take action against the brutal killings of Rohingya Muslims.
- ❖ **Accessible Toilet Campaign**- Many individuals are affected by 'invisible' chronic conditions and are in need of accessible toilet facilities. I am aiming to implement improved signs for accessible toilets, with the message that 'not every disability is visible', to raise awareness of chronic conditions and provide fully accessible facilities for all.
- ❖ **Increased International Student Engagement** in the KCLSU Elections from **12% to 44%** in my one year as the Vice President.

Being the first Non-European International Student to be elected as the President of King's College London SU in 144 years, I have worked relentlessly to make a positive impact for our student body. The NUS have been helpful in providing me with an understanding on how to make a Difference and I am truly grateful for the wonderful training that they have provided myself and my fellow officers. However there has been something a miss, which is that NUS is not working at its full potential, this is exacerbated by the fact that the need to inform national policies regarding education is of paramount importance, transition from HEFCE to OFS, assessing the value for money that education brings with the funding review looming, how student fees are used and the need for transparency, how academic quality needs to stay strong at an uncertain time for HE, how the Pay's for VC's needs to equate to the quality of the learning for students, how the prevent duty has marginalised a community, how the uncertain financial standing of Universities will impact on Students Unions and Associations nationally. These are some of the areas that NUS needs to tackle and unfortunately due to the internal political turmoil it has not been in a position to progress on these matters. NUS needs strong **Leadership**, it needs to be **Transformed** and we need to be **Successful** in our endeavours at a critical time for our students.

As the NUS president I want ensure that the voice of the students WILL Transform the education sector for the betterment of our membership and that the quality of well-being and welfare is the foundation of a students educational experience.

I know that I am capable in bringing about these changes as my hard work as well as my ability to obtain organic grass route support from our student body has enabled me to bring about many changes. Plus I am fortunate enough to have worked on many international campaigns such as the Tayaba.org project; which is impacting lives in the UK but has also impacted the lives of 9,000 water deprived people in South Asia through my water development projects.

Putting the **EXTRA** into NUS Extra

- ✓ The number of students who believe that the sole purpose of the NUS is to provide students' with discounts via the NUS extra card, demonstrates a clear need to change this perception.
- ✓ The NUS has become widely depended on the income that it gets from NUS extra and with stiff competition from Unidays it really needs to demonstrate how it could distinguish themselves in order to stay afloat.
- ✓ The NUS needs to become more accessible and a multi-function app would need to be created to work as a portal for informing students of their rights as well as all the discounts.

A strong **NUS**

- ✓ The number of disaffiliations indicates how disenfranchised the NUS has become.
- ✓ We need to re-affiliate the Unions that have left NUS and understand what their reasons for leaving are
- ✓ We need to bring back a sense of belonging with the NUS, where all members view the NUS as a strong central voice for students.
- ✓ NUS needs to connected with every student and it needs to make a difference at a National level.

Value for **Money**

- ✓ Students are now in a hyperinflated market where degrees are extremely common and thus there is need for students to be distinctive to have the edge.
- ✓ There is a need to ensure that Students fee's equate to a greater level of experience and students need to have the tools to request that from the Universities.



Financial Independence

- ✓ With the news that Oxford University raised £750 million pounds from selling a series of 100 year bonds, indicates the financial instability with the HE sector. This has a direct impact on our students union.
- ✓ We need to ensure that amidst the changes from HEFCE to OfS that our students' union are protected.
- ✓ NUS needs to assist SU's in generating income and remove the dependency that Union's have upon their block grant.
- ✓ A greater financial independence means a greater level of scrutiny.




Staying on Top of the Tuition Fee Review

- ✓ Fees for higher education has added to the pressure on students. According to a study, three out of every four students with a borrowed maintenance loan are stressed about the money they owe.
- ✓ With the conservative government undertaking a higher education funding review it is important to ensure that the discussions are central to students.
- ✓ The review needs to make education accessible again.
- ✓ Education is the most powerful weapon and the foremost right of every individual regardless of their family's income and postcode. I believe in FREE EDUCATION.
- ✓ We will fight together to make this possible

Prevent

- ✓ A Muslim postgraduate student of counter-terrorism at Staffordshire University is spotted reading a textbook entitled Terrorism Studies in the library, is accused by his own university of being a terrorist; while a 14-year-old Muslim schoolboy, having taken part in a French class discussion on environmental activism – l'ecotourisme – is asked whether he was is "affiliated" with Islamic State.
- ✓ Prevent is here to target Muslim students and Students' Union's across the country need to be supported in tackling this discriminatory duty.



Understanding the Student Experience from the FE Point

- ✓ FE colleges form a large membership for NUS and they been ignored for sometime and NUS needs to ensure that all members are prioritised and supported.
- ✓ FE Colleges have been asked to deliver more from less by simultaneously cutting costs and achieving more effective outcomes for employers and learners.
- ✓ We need to help our FE members in meeting the changing needs and expectations of learners of all ages to deliver lifelong learning
- ✓ Furthermore, NUS needs to facilitate a growth of FE SU's partnership with local HE institutions to form a powerful regional lobbying group that can impact on regional levels.

No Racism

work against islamophobia, anti-Semitism and xenophobia

- ✓ We need to work on all forms of discrimination whether it be islamophobia, anti-semitic, racist, gender and homophobic
- ✓ It is shameful that NUS was deemed as a racist organisation by the Internal Race Audit and work to address this needs to be prioritised.
- ✓ More funding needs to be given to liberation groups and extensive projects needs to be carried out to show what the SU's can do with regards to the gender pay gap, transphobic and homophobic behaviour.
- ✓ Unconscious bias training needs to form an integral part for all who work within the Student Union Movement.



Mental Health

- ✓ It's time for Universities to put students' mental health first.
- ✓ With higher study costs and increasingly competitive job markets, there is greater pressure than ever on this year's new cohort of students.
- ✓ The Guardian's annual Student Experience survey shows that almost nine in 10 (87%) of first year students find it difficult to cope with social or academic aspects of university life.
- ✓ Students are unsure of what to expect, and a large proportion say that the transition from school to university is a source of considerable stress.
- ✓ The stress of studying is a key area in which students struggle, with almost six in 10 reporting that this made it difficult for them to cope.
- ✓ Other troubles that featured significantly included isolation (44%), balancing work and study (37%), financial difficulties (36%) and living independently (22%).



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for VP FURTHER EDUCATION

I'M STANDING BECAUSE...

I'm standing to be the next VPFE of NUS UK because I believe that the power of an FE movement, properly united and supported, can deliver for students. Over the last 2 years as President, Edinburgh College Students' Association has been recognised for our achievements in strengthening the student voice and has received multiple awards for our work in becoming a strong, effective student union that delivers for its members.

I have been involved with and campaigned for the implementation of a national framework for effective students' associations, the Scottish Student Support review, and the Scottish Government's commitment to improve mental health services. I want to unite the expertise from my fellow students' associations and unions, as well as my knowledge and skills from the local & national successes, to develop a strong, united force for education across our movement.

Regionalisation of colleges is happening across the UK and it provides huge risk as well as a phenomenal opportunity for our members. Unions have the chance to reshape what institutions look like and enhance the student voice on our campuses and in our boardrooms, but they will need greater support and effective leadership to manage this risky period. I want to take the lessons learned as well as the major wins we've had in Scotland to support our members to get the best out of this period. Learning must be protected, and the student voice elevated, not silenced, ahead of any changes to our colleges.



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MY EXPERIENCE

- Edinburgh College Students' Association President (2016 - 2018)
- Class Rep & Executive Officer
- Community Councillor & Secretary
- Children's Hearing Panel Member
- Edinburgh 2050 City Vision Steering Group member

MY SUPPORTERS

"I support Neal, as to him my opinions matter and my voice holds weight. I want to see a diversified NUS, that supports its officers & represents all its students. I believe Neal to be a leader who will unite the students and associations that form the NUS"



Nurina Sharmin
VP Education & Engagement, HISA Perth

"Neal lives & breathes FE, his thirst for knowledge and understanding of what FE students need is second to none"



Luke Humberstone
NUS Scotland President

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I'M STANDING FOR APPRENTICES...

- Apprentices have once again been put on the backburner by our leaders, and now must wait until 2020 to be fully heard in our democratic structures. It's not good enough.
- Apprentice representation has come a long way since the creation of the National Society of Apprentices, but there's more to be done - I want better integration and representation of apprentices not just within NUS but also in our colleges and workplaces, ensuring they receive better opportunities & experiences.
- I want to work more closely with the NUS VPHE and ensure our approach to a seamless student journey on education can be realised. No matter what a student is studying on our campuses, or out on placement, whatever award they are working towards, they must be supported to achieve their full potential.

I'M STANDING FOR FE UNIONS...

- No longer is it acceptable for college student unions to be under resourced and forgotten, spending every year scraping together enough resource just to survive. If Student unions are to be truly strong and effective, they need the resources to be able to build capacity to ensure they can fully represent their membership.
- We need an expectation of standard within the sector when it comes to staffing, and the vision of where we want our organisations to be in the next 5 years. I've won those arguments at my own college, and as your VPFE I'll work with the membership to build up other Unions, so they can win for students.

I'M STANDING FOR WELFARE & LIBERATION...

- Elect me your VPFE and I'll argue for student-centred approaches to supporting students at colleges, to ensure that no one must pick between their studies or their health. Student mental health is at a crisis point, with an underfunded NHS, and the public sector forced to cut services anywhere they can, student mental health services aren't fit for purpose and are at risk of even further cuts to provision - this can't happen.
- If elected VPFE I will do my best to be an ally to the liberation officers, and let their opinions, campaigns and autonomy be respected in full, as well as building in consultations & impact assessments to ensure liberation is an intrinsic part of everything I and the FE campaign do.
- We have come so far as a student movement, and as a wider society. The students on and off our campuses do amazing work in breaking down barriers, I'll be standing right beside you, doing whatever I can to help you in the fight against hate that divides our communities. No student should ever feel unsafe because of who they are.

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Re-elect

Emily Chapman

No.1 for VP Further Education

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So, here we are again. When you elected me as your Vice President Further Education, I made a promise to get the FE and college Voice loud and proud, both in NUS and across the sector. That is exactly what I have been doing since.

From leading on a new **Learner Voice Framework** to develop your Unions and your ability to make change on your campus, to tackling the cost of travel with the **#MyFEjourney** campaign, to **working with SEND Learners** to look into ways we as NUS can make our events and workings more accessible to them. On your campuses, in your communities, working for you. That is the VP FE I have been, that is the VP FE I will continue to be.

Here are the next steps on our journey. As your VP Further Education, this is what I will do.

In the last year Emily has shown a resilience to ignorance. She has made the 65% of NUS's membership she represents, all of FE, proud. She has given us a voice that was once snuffed out.


- Matty Winship - LGBTQ Officer, Leeds City College

Love, Emily xx 



Fees & Funding

I could talk until I'm blue in the face about the inadequacy of FE funding. Education should be accessible for all, no one should be locked out because they can't afford their fees, or that bus ticket to college. *Re-elect me and I will:*

- Continue to fight for all forms of Further Education to be Free and Accessible.
- Continue my work on reducing travel costs with **#MyFEjourney** 
- Lobby for **FE Maintenance Grants** to be introduced, and ensure FE is remembered when we talk of loans and fees.
- Continue to lobby for an improved version of Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for FE Learners.
- I will launch a Priority Campaign around college funding UK wide. I will hold round tables in every region and nation on what 'fairer funding' actually looks like for students and Students' Unions, and what we need to do to get it.



Apprentices



I have been proud to support the work of the NSoA during my term in office. The National Society of Apprentices need the support of their National Union, and a voice (and a vote!) on conference floor. *Re-elect me and I will continue my work with the NSoA:*

- On engaging with Youth Social Action and getting their voices heard!
- Making sure apprenticeships have the correct quality standards, as well as Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to stop the fall of entries into apprenticeships, and enable learners to have a clear and supported choice through education.
- Supporting any campaigns they have, including around free apprentice travel, tackling the horrific gender pay gap, and inequality in apprenticeships.

Emily has been a fantastic VP FE over the last year and has really engaged with her membership, encouraged their development, and supported their work. FE deserves Emily's continued efforts.

- Holly Scrimgeour, President, Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA)



Qualifications & Quality



A new Post-16 Skills plan is on the way, which yet again focuses on the bare minimum. Which doesn't account for a lack of funding, or a lack of information and guidance, and which has no understanding of what quality education looks like. *Re-elect me and I will:*

- Work on the Careers Strategy making sure that there is clear and adequate careers advice for ALL FE learners and apprentices, instead of it being another tick box in a packed curriculum.
- Work with NUS Wales, NUS Scotland, and NUS-UK to come up with a vision of what quality FE provision should look like in the UK, specific to each nation.
- Ensure the implementation of T-levels doesn't lock anyone out of lifelong learning.



Youth Social Action & citizenship education



This is such a key thing for FE & college Students' Unions development. The Government is beginning to focus more on giving money to external charities and non-profits, and embedding this into our programmes. FE Students' Unions need to take full opportunity of this, and internally as NUS we must make sure we are leading the charge. *Re-elect me and I will:*

- I will run a Priority Campaign to get Funding for FE & College Students' Unions, to enable you to be the hub of youth social action within your institutions, building this from the excellent NUS Scotland Framework.
- Run an Internal Review of how NUS works for and with FE and college Unions, making sure we are representing and leading for FE, which makes up the majority of our membership, with particular attention to SEND FE provision and how we support FE in the nations.
- Lobby the Government to embed Citizenship Education into curriculums, starting in schools.

I promised when you elected me as VP FE last year, that the majority of the Student Movement would no longer be treated as the minority. I have kept this promise, ensuring your voices are heard loud and clear in every area of NUS.

You put your faith in me a year ago, and I need you to do that one more time. *Re-elect Emily No.1 as Your Vice President Further Education, and help me continue to say:*

FE is here



to stay!

#ReElectEmily

For any inquires or an alternative format, please contact emily.chapman@nus.org.uk

LET'S KEEP WINNING For STUDENTS

Re elect **AMATEY** VP HE

It's been a huge privilege to be the VP HE and Deputy President for NUS at such an important time for the Higher Education Sector over the last year.

But with Brexit, funding crises, chaotic politics, and persisting disparities in HE, the need for leadership is more important than ever before.

There is still so much more to do, and with your support, we can continue to win for students.

Amatey

Your VP HE in numbers!

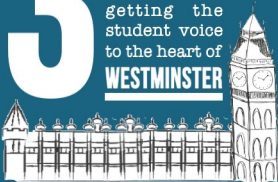
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on issues affecting
STUDENTS



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PARLIAMENTARY
SELECT COMMITTEES
ADDRESSED
getting the
student voice
to the heart of
WESTMINSTER



70+
HOURS

REPRESENTING
YOU ON NATIONAL
SECTOR BOARDS
including in
HEFCE, the QAA,
OLA and UKSCQA



400+

STUDENTS' UNION
SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE FREE
WONKHE DAILY
BRIEFING



500+

PAGES OF
GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATIONS
responded to



52

HOURS
OF SMOOTH JAZZ
LISTENED TO



#AMASTAY

1. BREXIT PHASE 2

In April, I promised to deliver a robust plan on Brexit - one that rejects isolationism, & protects students' rights. We've started to see progress, but the next year is even more important as the negotiations hit the next phase. I have:

- Briefed student leaders across Europe, secured a European Students Union summit in Cardiff, & passed a Resolution at ESU's Board to stand in solidarity with the UK on Brexit.
- Taken a leading role in the NUS Brexit taskforce, coordinating the #StudentsOfTheWorld Campaign & publishing a campaign guide for SUs.

THE PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

- Bid for a European Students Union Board meeting in the UK.
- Arrange for NUS to meet directly with DExEU and negotiators in Brussels, alongside ESU, to protect our interests.
- Build a coalition of organisations working with young people to protect students' rights and interests across HE and FE.

2. THE BLACK ATTAINMENT GAP PHASE 2

At every speech, committee and parliamentary appearance I've made, I've argued that the Higher Education sector needs to get to grips with tackling the 26% Black Attainment Gap. The sector are listening: it's time to act. I have:

- Released a guide for Unions to lobby their universities to sign up to the Race Equality Charter Mark at Zones Conference
- Run several workshops and been invited to speak at over 6 panel events
- Developed a priority motion for National Conference.

THE PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

- Work with UUK & ECU to launch a Black Attainment Gap Commission.
- Run a Campaigns Hub series on the topic so SUs can share what works.
- Launch a nationwide "Why is my curriculum white" campaign, alongside black academics.

Amatey is a hard-working, committed & proactive VP HE. As an international student, I've found his collaborative international work on getting students the best deal post-Brexit fundamentally important. He has also continuously championed student voice in the public debate on HE funding. I'm backing Amatey for a focused, strong and collaborative HE Zone.

- Shraddha Chaudhary,
Exeter Guild President





3. GENERATION AVALANCHE

NEW

This year has seen an unprecedented attack from the right-wing media and from government - smears about "generation snowflake" and a complete misrepresentation of our no-platform policy. It's time to fight for safe spaces, no-platform racists and safeguard real free speech.

THE PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

- Launch a campaign in response to "generation snowflake", expressing what students in this country value, & the public good of higher education.
- Brief all SUs, outlining clearly our policies on safe spaces & no-platforming, and how to protect activists targeted by right-wing media.
- Launch an online guide debunking myths & giving students on the ground a toolkit to tell their side of the story
- Ensure that our No Platform list is up to date to ensure that organisations that promote violent hate speech are driven off our campuses
- Campaign to remove 'regulating free speech' from the remit of the OfS.

4. THE ROAD TO FREE EDUCATION

NEW

The last general election saw students speak out and their voice has secured an independent review into HE funding. Now is the time to act, with a robust & practical plan.

THE PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

- Publish a masterplan informed by the National President's Poverty Commission, which outlines our targets on the road to free education.
- Include: clear guidance for universities on hardship funds, so that money is released immediately to students in need; rationales for officers on remuneration committees; the necessity of maintenance grants & support.
- Continue to ensure there is no link between TEF and tuition fees.

5. A STUDENT RIGHTS REVOLUTION

NEW

Whether we like it or not, the government has established a new regulator for universities in England which has huge ramifications across the nations. But after a year of arguing about who is or isn't on its board, we need a renewed focus on what it should be doing - delivering student rights and protections that we know students need. So far, I have:

- Set out clearly to parliament, ministers and sector committees that the OfS' priorities must be aligned with students, and outlined a positive vision of teaching excellence ahead of the independent TEF review.
- Ensured NUS responses to hundreds of pages of consultations on the new frameworks, and mobilised unions to support our key messages.
- Appointed current and former officers to the OfS Student Panel to give the movement a strong independent voice *within* the regulator.

THE PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

- A clear statement of student rights, and independent, fully-funded advocacy for every student in HE that needs it.
- A revolution in transparency that reveals hidden costs, and a campaign on cooling-off to ensure no student incurs any fee until at least 12 weeks into a course.
- Fighting for baseline student representation - ensuring that:
 - all students on all courses in all providers have the right to be represented in HE
 - there is permanent student representation on the OfS Board
 - students sit on University remuneration committees
 - advisory groups are established for HE Students in FE Colleges, Mature Students, Part-Time Students, TNE students & postgraduates to ensure their interests are addressed.

A symbol of professionalism, competence and dedication, Amatey will be the anchor to keep the movement on its feet during turbulent times. It's truly commendable that despite holding a senior post in the organisation, he still manages to keep his ear to the ground and offer support to even the most niche of concerns. For these reasons, I support Amatey's re-election.

- Busayo Twins, NUS NEC



Your VP HE in numbers!

8 MEDIA INTERVIEWS



including primetime slots on Newsnight and Sky News

20 PANELS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

representing the STUDENT VOICE



20+ WEEKS IN PICS

updating members directly



8 NATIONAL HE SECTOR COMMITTEES

your voice was represented on



Other wins this year:

- Secured a deal with Wonkhe, with over 100 unions receiving daily HE Briefings saving them thousands of pounds.
- Secured a greater voice for students with a Board position at Advance HE, the new sector 'mega-agency'.

I've found working with Amatey supportive & empowering. As president of a small arts union, the problems faced by the students I represent are bespoke & don't always fit conveniently with the issues of the sector. Yet Amatey still dedicated time to us, observing, listening and understanding how he can use his influence to advocate for us. Amatey is a wonderful leader - he cares about individuals & always makes sure he fights for all students, no matter how small they are in the greater HE picture. I have every confidence that Amatey will continue to speak up for Small & Specialist unions and that's why I'll be voting for Amatey #1 for VP HE!

- Xenia Levantis,
NUA SU President & GuildHE Chair



LET'S KEEP WINNING
For STUDENTS

Re elect **AMATEY** VP HE

ANA FOR VICE PRESIDENT HIGHER EDUCATION

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#ANA4VPHE

LAST YEAR, MILLIONS OF STUDENTS MOBILISED TO VOTE FOR FREE EDUCATION

just as the NUS fell silent on the subject. The vision of a debt-free future, one which values education before all else as a public good, was suddenly no longer a fantasy but within our grasp. Never has there been more urgency for our national union to not only proudly campaign for a free, accessible, liberated education - but ready with the ideas and will to shape it into being.

FREE EDUCATION (SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!)

To be forced to graduate with a lifetime of debt is an attack on the right of everyone to education. But it's more than that: tuition fees are at the heart of a system that puts profit before people, with overpaid managers starving our student support services of resources and treating students like cash cows. But this could be about to change, and we in the NUS need to be ready to shape and build the future of HE - with our vision of a democratic, accessible, liberated education for all.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Organise a landmark conference of students and education workers to develop our vision for a cradle-to-grave National Education Service, inviting MPs and sector representatives.

Support SUs in running NSS boycott campaigns and fighting job cuts and course closures on their campuses.

Campaign not just against fee increases but also against the government's plans to introduce differential fees and increase competition between institutions.



I'm a Polish international student, postgraduate, former sabbatical officer and current representative of the International Students' Campaign on NUS NEC. I'm also a socialist feminist, a proud Labour Party activist and for years I have been an active campaigner against tuition fees and campus cuts, and for workers' and migrants' rights.

MY RECORD

- * NUS NEC member (2016-18)
- * Campaigns Officer at UAL Students' Union (2015-17)
- * Co-founder of the Labour Campaign for Free Movement
- * Organised student delegations to Yarl's Wood
- * Involved in LSE Justice for Cleaners and UoL Justice for Workers
- * Led a successful campaign to save 8 research jobs
- * Successfully campaigned to freeze fees for continuing students at UAL
- * Won bigger and more accessible scholarships for international students, including asylum seekers, at UAL
- * Wrote the NSS Boycott motion to NUS Conference 2016
- * Was a leading organiser in the 2015 UAL occupation against cuts to Foundation courses

“ I'm supporting Ana because NUS needs to be more than just a talking shop, it needs to be a movement that transforms education and society. Ana has the drive, passion and politics to make sure that the student movement is built for the grassroots and not for the boardrooms. Vote #Ana4VPHE ”

JESS BRADLEY,
NUS TRANS STUDENT OFFICER



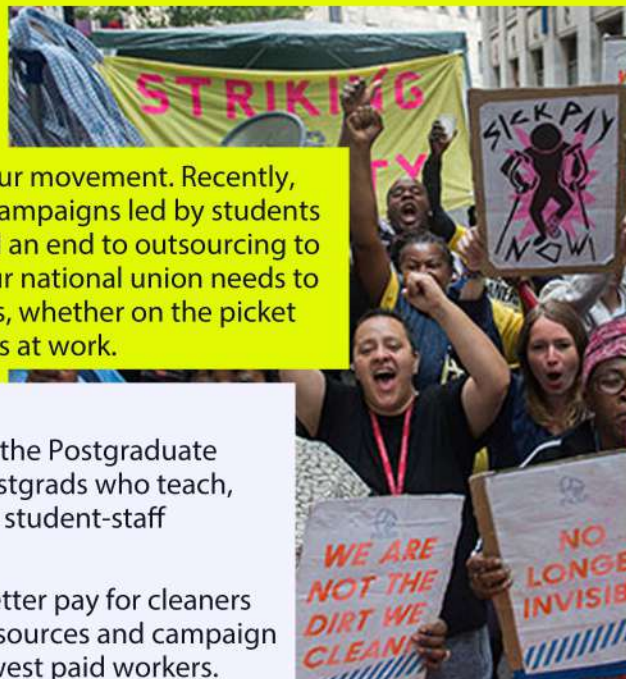
STUDENT-STAFF SOLIDARITY (MORE THAN A BUZZWORD)

We have no more important or natural ally than in the labour movement. Recently, on campuses across the country, we have seen incredible campaigns led by students and staff - from cleaners campaigning for a living wage and an end to outsourcing to postgraduate teaching assistants mobilising for fair pay. Our national union needs to be standing side-by-side with those leading these struggles, whether on the picket line or organising students to win better pay and conditions at work.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Join up with the UCU to combat casualisation, work with the Postgraduate Students' section on a major campaign for fair pay for postgrads who teach, and create resources for students' unions to run effective student-staff solidarity campaigns on campus

Fight pay inequality - supporting students' unions win better pay for cleaners and in-house contracts, redistributing our universities' resources and campaign nationally for a 5:1 pay ratio between the highest and lowest paid workers.



FREEDOM TO MOVE FREEDOM TO STAY

Brexit is a threat to the hundreds of thousands of EU nationals currently studying and working at our universities, and the government is attacking international students and enforcing draconian visa regulations. We should celebrate the diversity international students bring to our campuses, but it's not enough: we urgently need to put our full strength into defending the right of us all to live, study and travel without restrictions.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Lend NUS' weight, energy and resources to groups campaigning to defend free movement and migrants' rights in Brexit negotiations.

Work with the International Students' section on restoring the post-study work visa, campaigns around access to education for asylum seekers and resisting deportations.

FIGHTING FOR LIBERATION

We cannot defeat oppression sitting in the boardroom: a liberated education is not something that we can trust the government and university managers to deliver. I will work closely with all five liberation campaigns - which currently find themselves sidelined in NUS - to win a curriculum that's diverse and liberatory, and democratic institutions where marginalised voices are heard.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Support campaigns to tackle the oppressive racist heritages of our universities, empowering students to challenge what and how they're taught.

Launch a nationwide drive to put control of curricula into the hands of students, academics and communities. Only by democratising education can we liberate it. I will equip you with the tools to transform your education, from reading lists to research, from the lab to the library.

“ With Higher Education in crisis, we need more than a ‘seat at the table’, we need a strong grassroots movement to resist cuts, marketisation and privatisation in our education. Not only would Ana take this approach, she’s the right person to lead such a movement: she was instrumental in calling the national NSS boycott, and has led successful campaigns resisting fees and cuts ”

STUART MCMILLAN,
SHEFFIELD EDUCATION OFFICER

Jess Levy

for Vice President Union Development



**Jess is
just the
absolute
best.**

I've known Jess for a while and I have a lot of faith in her to drive the changes that NUS and its membership need. As the President of an SU that has failed to see the benefit of an NUS membership in recent years, I genuinely believe that Jess will solve the problems facing NUS and will stay true to herself and what she believes in.

Meike Imberg
President, Greenwich SU

A space for Further Education students

For so many unions across the country, the number one issue right now is space. From spaces on their own campus, to a space in our national union, so much of our FE membership is crying out for a dedicated space.

That is why I will launch a campaign to help Students' Unions get a dedicated space on campus, and will also be fighting for the National Society of Apprentices to have a proper voice in NUS. From buildings to votes, everyone deserves a space, and I will be the Vice President Union Development that makes this happen.

Being a part of NUS is not something that our members back on their campuses care about. But that's because we don't give them any reason to do so. I want to work with you to change this.

Student Unions, Guilds and Student Associations have the ability to change lives. Mine did: it gave opportunities to help me realise what I could achieve and now as the Representation and Resources Officer of my Union I am making a difference. The Union Development zone has the ability to champion work that unions do everyday and more importantly help push it forward.

Union development's focus should be what it says on the tin. Developing unions in our movement, giving officers and students the support they need and it doesn't matter whether that is in FE or HE. But instead NUS seem to be focusing all their attention on internal issues.

I will be the Vice President of Union Development that puts the Zone in our Unions and not just on your Twitter feed; Providing resources on issues that you actually care about, supporting student journalists, supporting RAG volunteers and supporting sports captains. I will be the Vice President that will ensure that this union goes from strength to strength, giving our members a NUS that they are proud to be a part of.

Jess Levy

Jess will be the VP UD who can make sports accessible on campus

When I was a student at UWL playing sport, I was always struck by how hard sport was to be a part of for so many people. I know that Jess is the person to fix that - with real solutions for real problems. No more tinkering, no more pie in the sky - just actual fixes for the issues students face in accessing sport.

Kat Hackshaw
VP Activities, UWLSU



find out more!

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If you'd like this manifesto in a different format, please let me know!

It's rare you meet someone as passionate about student fundraising as Jess.

NUS has never put enough resources or support into student fundraising, and elected officers often just pretend NaSFA, our national body, doesn't exist. Jess is not only passionate about student fundraising but recognises it as a way NUS can bring so many more students into the movement, that's why I'll be voting for her at national conference!

Ruth Wilkinson - Kent Union President



I know that Jess will be the best choice for Further Education students

So often in NUS Further Education is treated as a token to be used in an election - but the reality is we need a more fundamental understanding of what FE is for us to win on FE issues, and I know that Jess is the candidate who will understand.

Matthew Winship - Leeds City College

Helping SU officers with their next steps

At Students' Unions across the country, there are sabbatical officers who are about to finish their terms in office and are facing the question of what it is that they are going to do next. These are some of the most talented people in our movement - they are intelligent leaders with impressive CVs and exciting futures ahead of them, and NUS has a role to play in helping them move on to their next step.

That is why I am pledging that as your Vice President Union Development I will launch the NUS graduate scheme and internship to take on ex-sabbatical officers, to train them to translate their leadership skills into management skills, and keep our diverse talented pool of officers in the students movement. I genuinely believe that this will be a great step towards making Union senior management teams less pale, less stale and less male.

The State of our Union

We know that Students' Unions change lives. For so many students they are the thing that kept them in college or university, made their learning accessible and allowed them to access an education that was designed by and for them. We know that for so many students their SU is the only thing that is fighting for them in a world that can so often seem to be against them.

That is why, as your Vice President Union Development, I will seek to develop the already successful #LoveSUs campaign, which I will do by launching an annual State of the Union report, highlighting the impact of Students' Unions and NUS on the education sector. This report will be an annual opportunity to talk to the rest of the sector about the importance of student representation and the power of Students' Unions - letting everyone else in on the secret that we already know, that SUs are amongst the most important organisations in the country.

Not all students are based on a campus or at a college

At institutions across the UK there are hundreds of thousands of placement students who barely ever step foot on campuses. These are our future nurses, doctors, engineers, teachers and many others who face issues and barriers that are far different from their campus-based peers, and who are so often misunderstood by Students' Unions and their National Union.

That is why I will reach out to these students and work in partnership with the Trades Union Congress to develop a representative body for placement students, to push nationally for new legislation on rights and conditions for placement students, and to help SUs on the ground better understand how to represent placement students.

Education is no longer about a linear journey from FE to HE to graduate to job - this journey has changed, and I pledge to be the VPUD that addresses this issue.

Making institutions accountable for sexual harassment

This year has seen the world finally waking up to the serious issue of workplace sexual harassment. Beginning in Hollywood, the #MeToo campaign has made its way through so many different sectors with somany shocking revelations, and the HE Sector is not exempt from this.

We know that institutions across the UK have terrible sexual harassment policies, and we also know that universities will not improve things without serious pressure and their reputation being put in danger. That is why as your VP Union Development I will work with with your Vice President Welfare and your Women's Officer to launch a national ranking of universities based on the effectiveness of their sexual harassment policies and response structures, and based on the satisfaction levels of students at the institution.



For me, Jess represents everything that NUS should be about.

A strong, proud woman who isn't afraid to stand up for what she believes in and won't be shut down by anyone. That's why I'll be voting for her at National Conference, that's why I'm so excited for her to be the next Vice President Union Development.

Gwyneth Sweatman - NUS Wales Women's Officer



RE-ELECT ALI MILANI

Vice President Union Development

THE STORY SO FAR

National Conference
Brighton 2017

there
is only
the national
union of
students



IN APRIL, I STOOD ON STAGE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND PRESENTED A VISION OF A UNION DEVELOPMENT RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM YEARS GONE BY. I SPOKE OF A NEED TO BRING OUR MOVEMENT TOGETHER, TO DEVELOP ACTIVISTS LOCALLY AND TO CONNECT OUR NATIONAL UNION WITH STUDENTS AT THE GRASSROOTS. SEVERAL MONTHS INTO OUR JOURNEY, WE ARE ON AN INCREDIBLE PATH TO BUILD SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL.

I AM STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ABANDON OUR VISION. WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. AS THE GOVERNMENT HANGS BY A THREAD, STUDENTS AND STUDENTS' UNIONS RISE AGAINST EXTORTIONATE VICE CHANCELLOR'S PAY AND SOCIETY SEEMS ON THE EDGE OF A NEW AGE; WE AS A MOVEMENT MUST DECIDE IF WE ARE GOING TO BE A PART OF BUILDING THE FUTURE.

MY LIFE WAS CHANGED BY MY STUDENTS' UNION. FROM THE SOCIETY I JOINED TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER WORLD TO THE SPORTS CLUB THAT BECAME FAMILY, IT WAS THE STUDENT MOVEMENT THAT GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE AND PASSION TO BECOME AN NUS VICE PRESIDENT. BUT I AM NOT UNIQUE, THERE ARE MILLIONS OTHERS, ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES, IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND IN SCHOOLS. IF WE BUILD A NATIONAL UNION THAT BELIEVES THAT IS WHERE OUR POWER LIES - IN CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH NUS - WE WILL BECOME AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE.



2016/17 ACHIEVEMENTS

LAUNCHED FIRST EVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT SURVEY IN HE, GIVING US VALUABLE DATA TO CREATE SOLUTIONS.



LAUNCHED THE ETHICS BOARD, A STUDENT-LED GROUP THAT ENSURES THE NUS IS STAYING TRUE TO ITS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE & SOLIDARITY.



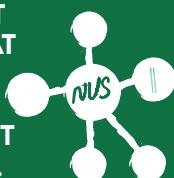
DEVELOPED NATIONAL TOOLKIT FOR FREE SPORTS TO ENABLE STUDENTS UNIONS TO CAMPAIGN FOR FREE SPORTS ON THEIR CAMPUS.



GROWING OUR FE FAMILY. SEVEN NEW COLLEGES AFFILIATED TO THE NUS



CREATED & LAUNCHED THE LEARNING ACADEMY, A HUB OF NUS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATERIAL THAT INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH & FIRST AID TRAINING.



SET UP THE NUS ACTIVITIES FUND, GIVING POWER TO THE MEMBERSHIP TO START UP THEIR OWN LOCAL ACTIVITIES & CAMPAIGNS.

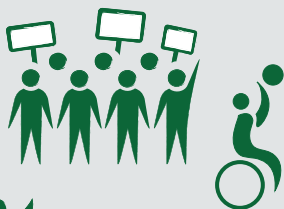
LAUNCHED INTERNATIONALISATION TOOLKITS FOR STUDENTS UNIONS (ALONG WITH THE ISO), EMPOWERING INTER-NATIONAL STUDENTS.



HELPED LAUNCH THE STOP FUNDING HATE CAMPAIGN, WHICH SEEKS TO UNDERCUT FUNDING FOR NEWS OUTLETS THAT PROFIT OFF HATE.



CONNECTING STUDENTS TO THE NUS



societies



SAVING NUS EXTRA

FOR YEARS WE HAVE HEARD SUCCESSIVE NUS OFFICERS SAY WE NEED TO BRING THE NUS EXTRA CARD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN WORK ON MAKING THIS A REALITY. ELECT ME AND I WILL ENSURE WE HAVE A FUNCTIONAL, INNOVATIVE ONLINE PLATFORM THAT WILL TRANSFORM NUS EXTRA BY THIS SUMMER! WE CAN CREATE A PLATFORM THAT IS NOT ONLY A DISCOUNT CARD, BUT A PASSPORT TO STUDENT LIFE. AN OFFER THAT IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

IT'S CALLED A STUDENTS UNION FOR A REASON

MY TIME VISITING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS' UNIONS HAS UNEARTHED AN ISSUE WE HAVE IGNORED FOR FAR TOO LONG.

FOR SO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS' UNION SABBATICAL OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE TEAMS, MANAGING AND WORKING WITH FULL TIME STAFF CAN BE A CHALLENGE. ELECT ME AND I WILL DEVELOP A SPECIFIC TRAINING CONFERENCE TO TRAIN OUR SU REPRESENTATIVES ON WORKING WITH SENIOR MANAGERS, STAFF AND HR.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN FE SURVEY

ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING FE UNIONS AND ACTIVISTS IS ABOUT MORE THAN CHANGING NUS SPACES ALONE. THIS YEAR I HAVE WORKED WITH THE WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN TO DEVELOP THE FIRST EVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED WITHIN FURTHER EDUCATION. ELECT ME AND WE CAN FINISH THIS INCREDIBLY VITAL WORK AND ENSURE WE CAN FINALLY BEGIN TO TACKLE CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

STUDENTS AT THE HEART OF NUS

FROM THE ACTIVITIES FUND TO PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS TOOLKIT, FROM RAG CONFERENCE TO STUDENT MEDIA SUMMIT; THIS YEAR WE HAVE TRULY PUT THE WORK OF STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HEART OF NUS. THE TRUTH IS MOST OF US GET HERE THROUGH ACTIVIST GROUPS, SOCIETIES, SPORTS CLUBS, STUDENT MEDIA OR VOLUNTEERING. BUT THIS HAS BEEN SCOFFED AT FOR FAR TOO LONG IN THE STUDENT MOVEMENT. I WILL CONTINUE OUR WORK OF PUTTING STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES FRONT AND CENTRE

BY CONTINUING THE AMAZINGLY SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES FUND, AND REVIEWING OUR SUMMER CONFERENCE PROGRAM TO ENSURE IT INCLUDES ALL OUR STUDENT OPPS WORK.



THE UNION IS THE STUDENTS

THIS IS A DEFINING MOMENT. FOR EDUCATION, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR SOCIETY. OUR MOVEMENT NEEDS TO FIND ITS PLACE IN THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY. WILL WE BUILD A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT THAT IS READY TO FIGHT ON THE DEFINING QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME?

WE WILL BUILD A UNION DEVELOPMENT ZONE THAT COMMITS TO CONNECTING AND ACTIVATING OUR MOST POWERFUL RESOURCE - 7 MILLION MEMBERS. THROUGH CONTINUING THE ACTIVITIES FUND, REGIONALISING OUR ORGANISATION, CONNECTING FE & HE UNIONS, OPENING UP OUR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTIVISTS; WE WILL HAVE A MOVEMENT READY TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME.



"ALI MILANI HAS BEEN A GREAT VP UD AND HIS WORK REGARDING SPORT AND BARRIERS FACED BY STUDENTS IS FANTASTIC. I KNOW HE HAS GREAT THINGS PLANNED AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT HE COULD BRING TO THE ROLE IF RE-ELECTED."

- SIMON NOBLE, PRESIDENT, NORTHUMBRIA STUDENTS UNION



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EVA CROSSAN JORY VP WELFARE

EVA
VP WELFARE

EXPERIENCE

Welfare is political. When we lobby for more resources on mental health, when we fight for cheaper rent for students and when we stand with student survivors on our campuses and in our national movement we are making a political statement. We are redefining and reshaping what we stand for and what we stand against. I stand for a transformative Welfare Zone, one that fosters communities of care on each and every campus and mobilises collective action against austerity and oppression.

For this manifesto in a different format, or if you want to ask any questions, please drop me a message!

‘Eva has done so much at Goldsmiths - from supporting student survivors of sexual violence to resisting the housing crisis. The Welfare Zone must be radical, transformative, and political for it to actually make a difference to students’ lives. We need so much more than just another toolkit, we need powerful, collective action, and who better to deliver this than Eva.’

Hareem Ghani, NUS Women’s Officer

HOUSING

When students across the country are priced out of accommodation and living in dangerous conditions, nothing short of radical action will suffice. As a student I led a successful rent strike at Goldsmiths and subsequently co-authored NUS’ guidance on rent strikes. Now, if you elect me as VP Welfare, that guidance will finally be put into practice. NUS is a renter’s union 7 million strong, it’s time we acted like it.

Elect me and I will:

- Support rent strikes up and down the country, creating tenants’ unions on every campus, and across every city.
- Run ‘Know your Housing Rights’ workshops with groups such as Acorn
- Tackle LGBT+, estranged and international student housing insecurity by creating guarantor schemes in colleges

Goldsmiths SU President 2017/18

NUS NEC Union Development 2nd Place 2017/18

Goldsmiths Activities and Campaigns Officer
2016/17

Co-founder and President of the Visual Cultures
Society 2014-16

Led a rent strike at Goldsmiths, winning tenants
£650,000 in compensation

Successfully bid for money from HEFCE to run
an institution wide campaign to tackle sexual
violence, paying students and staff to deliver
bystander training to student groups

Made Goldsmiths employ more counsellors,
including an Independent Sexual Violence
Advocate

Ran ‘A Woman’s Place is in her Union’ campaign
- encouraging more women, particularly those
who face multiple oppressions, to run for Officers

Worked on the ‘Gold Paper’ analysing the role the
whole institution played in causing and solving
student mental ill health.

Established Goldsmiths’ Hate Crime Reporting
Centre



TACKLING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

A third of women have experienced sexual harassment or assault on campus. Whether in halls, on nights out, in our workplaces, this cannot be tolerated. Student survivors are not getting the support they need. The Welfare Zone must act immediately - demanding properly funded specialist services for survivors. Sexual violence and harassment also plague student politics. Elect me and I will fight for an end to it both inside and outside of our movement.

Elect me and I will:

- Work with the Women's Campaign to establish 'Against Sexual Violence' campaigns on every campus, involving student societies and sports teams.
- Campaign for properly-funded, specialist support for those who have experienced sexual violence.
- Support the review of NUS' own policies on sexual violence and those of SUs across the UK.

NUS is a political organisation and thus it is important that I am transparent about my politics. I am a member of the Labour Party who has consistently supported Jeremy Corbyn and the movement he has created. I was proud to campaign for the Labour Party in the 2017 General Election in the hope of building a society For the Many Not the Few.



MENTAL HEALTH

Profit is increasingly being put before patients in our NHS so we must recognise that SUs have the power to foster communities of care. Our education system is being marketized, but competition is incompatible with collective care. When it comes to mental health, our solutions cannot be individualised - they must be communal.

Elect me and I will:

- Launch a campaign for colleges to get ring-fenced funding for fully resourced counselling services
- Commission research into the relationship between student mental health, financial pressures, and retention
- Fight NHS cuts and privatisation, linking SUs to wider local and national campaigns

'Mental health is in crisis in FE across the UK - with colleges under equipped to deal with students coming to them in desperate situations, and NHS services overstretched. Eva will be the person to holistically campaign to change this - from ensuring that our education is debt free to campaigning for ring fenced funding for FE mental health services, to making sure CAMHs is available to all that need it'

Nia Nash, Woodhouse College

NO WELFARE WITHOUT LIBERATION

"Liberation at the heart of everything we do" has become a mere a slogan of our movement. From LGBT+ inclusion in sports to running 'Demo HQ' so disabled students could participate in the fight for free education my record shows I have turned the slogan into a set of tangible actions. If the Welfare Zone does not fight for the welfare of all students, then it fights for the welfare of none.

Elect me and I will:

- Work with the NUS Liberation and Sections Campaigns to integrate intersectional demands into all welfare campaigns
- Prioritise anti-racism and anti-fascism in the Welfare Zone
- To work with the Black Students' Campaign and UCU to continue the fight against PREVENT



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Re-elect Izzy for VP Welfare

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Getting the job done

I was humbled to be elected as your VP Welfare last year, and I've not wasted a minute on delivering my promises - to transform NUS' Welfare work so that it's above factionalism, above bureaucracy and focused to deliver on the issues that matter to students.

But the work's not complete. Our support services are still under attack, hate crimes are spiralling on our campuses, mental health services are underfunded and failing and students are living in squalor yet can't meet their sky-high rent payments.

Re-elect me to finish the job - securing new standards and investment in support services, fighting national & local campaigns & bringing together a united, fighting & winning Welfare campaign.



Power against increasing student poverty

Izzy x

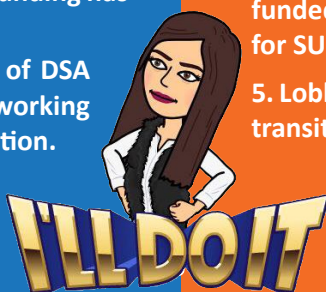
Fighting our mental health crisis and securing student support

My plan:

1. Put the student voice at the heart of the HE funding review and lobby for it to be extended to all post-16 education. Ensure welfare reforms are integral to any changes, including full restoration of maintenance grants and DSA, financial support for parents & carers, an improved EMA, a suitable apprentice minimum wage & adult learner support.
2. Continue to work, campaign with and support the autonomous nations, particularly on the specificities of their funding models; ensure the Government's funding has a strong focus on the nations' funding models.
3. Uncover the scandal of the botched transfer of DSA from Government to universities & colleges, working with the Disabled Students' Campaign to take action.
4. With the Vice President (Further Education), negotiate national discounts on student and apprentice travel, demanding every local authority ends profiteering from students.
5. Demand a review to the benefit system to ensure vulnerable students can access benefits and the additional restrictions on under 25s are repealed.
6. Oppose the selling off of our student loans and call for a ban on the increasing interest rate on loans.
7. Continue to lobby for the full restoration of NHS bursaries, forming stronger links with relevant healthcare trade unions.

My plan:

1. Ensure a Mental Health lead on every FE campus, providing guidance and resources for tutors and staff to be trained in Mental Health First Aid.
2. Demand local mental health services and FE colleges and unions partner to ensure every student can make the transition from child to adult mental health services.
3. Host a national Student Mental Health Conference.
4. Support SUs in lobbying their institutions for fully funded Mental Health Strategies and ringfenced funding for SU advice services.
5. Lobby the Government for ringfenced funding to ensure transitioned care support for students moving between local authority healthcare services.
6. Develop a student services charter mark, so applicants know what their university or college offers before they apply.
7. Provide free contraception and STI testing kits to SUs through the purchasing consortium.
8. Lobby for sexual health services to be free for all students and for cuts to vital services, such as rape crisis centres and sexual health clinics, to be reversed.
9. Implement the recommendations to the student drug use survey alongside the Trans Officer; investigate providing drug testing kits to SUs and distribute harm reduction guides.



If you would like a copy of my manifesto in an alternative format or have any questions please get in touch!

Provided Mental Health First Aid training for every SU through the Learning Academy with discounted places for FE and Small & Specialist Unions.

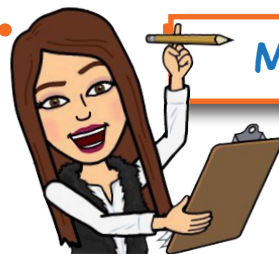
Worked with UEASU to FOI every Uni on their Mental Health strategy, launching the results in Parliament and releasing guidance for SUs on how to lobby their institution to implement an amended version of UUK's #StepChange MH Strategy framework.

Won affordable housing for London students by convincing Sadiq Khan & influencing the London Plan to take our recommendation to ensure that 35% of all new Uni & private purpose-built student accommodation is no more than 55% of the maximum student loan.

Undertook groundbreaking research on students living in Fuel Poverty, launched a report & provided resources to SUs.

Further developed the Ready to Rent campaign, producing new videos and releasing a Tenants Rights charter.

Biggest ever Alcohol Impact cohort and launched the first ever Students and Alcohol Conference.



My record

Launched the #OurLivingMemory campaign, producing resources & support for SUs for Holocaust Memorial Day resulting in the largest ever number of HMD commemoration events on campuses across the UK.

Convinced halls providers to commit to trans inclusive accommodation. Helped secure over £144,000 worth of funding from the Government for a project to tackle antisemitism and discrimination on campus.

Launched a Fire Safety guide for SUs and students in high rise towers in the wake of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, and lobbied halls providers on their standards and fire safety provisions.

Delivered the guide on how to campaign for Universities to be guarantors alongside the ISO.

Developed and launched the first ever substantive piece of research on student drug use alongside the Trans Officer.

Commissioned a project ensuring positive Social media conduct, to be launched at National Conference. Updated NUS' social media policy and ensured it gets sent out to each delegate before every NUS event.

Initiated 'Student Coffee Conversations' with the Interfaith Network and supported SUs in their Interfaith week events, resulting in the largest Interfaith week ever.

"Izzy has a voice, she's a very strong woman who knows what she believes in and fights for it. She has been changing NUS and making it better for students at Derwen College. She respects people's differences and celebrates diversity."

- Ophir Yaron, Secretary, Students' Union at Derwen College



"As a member of the Welfare Zone Committee, I have had the pleasure of working with Izzy during her first year as VP Welfare and she has been fantastic. Izzy has championed Welfare for the unheard student voices in HE, FE and Apprenticeships. Izzy has started the necessary, important work towards change and I am supporting her for re-election so that good work can be continued." - Chuchu Nwagu, VP Community and Welfare, Roehampton SU

Action on affordable and appropriate accommodation

My plan:

1. Launch a national campaign to lobby every national and local authority to emulate the success of the London Plan, ensuring they are providing affordable accommodation for students.
2. Team up with organisations to create national and local student tenants unions.
3. Ensure any national landlord register is applicable to students, to increase student safety in the private rented sector and offer informed choice as to who they rent with.
4. Support local unions to build a bespoke version of the 'Ready to Rent' campaign, giving students resources and knowledge of their rights throughout their tenancies.
5. Expose the profit being made by Universities and private developers, demanding answers from ministers on the topping up of private wealth via students.

6. Keep holding providers to account on fire safety, demanding regularly reviewed non-compromised plans and resources.

7. Provide guidance for SUs to demand a permanent place within the group that sets accommodation prices and standards.



Championing cohesive campus communities

My plan:

1. Launch a commission on student knife crime together with the NUS President & Vice President (Further Education.)
2. Review the disparities of hardship funds in HE & FE; lobby the Government to fully restore and extend them, and support SUs in arguing for an increase in funding from institutions.
3. Support the Vice President (Union Development) in extending the consortium and NUS Extra to include Kosher and Halal food and childcare necessities.
4. Produce a national Online Harassment and Hate Crime plan involving social media companies, universities & colleges that enables students to take action on bullies that works.
5. Produce new interfaith resources on campus facilities, including statutory prayer space, religious calendar guidance and relevant institution policies.

6. Launch Student Hate Crime Awareness Week, offering local and national campaign resources on manifestations of hate crime; support SUs in becoming hate crime reporting centres.
7. Persist in fiercely defending NUS' No Platform policy; provide guidance for officers on confronting this issue in the press.
8. Work with Black Students Campaign to oppose PREVENT.

ABDI DUALE FOR NUS VP SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP



You are reading the manifesto of the son of Somali refugees, whose parents came to Britain with not a penny to their name. On my council estate, most people expected me to end up unemployed or in prison - but instead I ended up being the one of the first in my family to go to University. The opportunities I've had in education have transformed me from a student unaware of the world around me into an activist, who fights not only for my own rights, but the rights of every student and apprentice. That's why I'm standing to be your next Vice-President Society & Citizenship.

The Society & Citizenship Zone has the power to show what education can do for students; turning students into activists, and harnessing the collective power of our movement. But right now, the campaign hasn't gone far enough and for many students it hasn't been inclusive enough. As a student from a small & specialist institution, all I've seen are campaigns that time and time again are only relevant to the biggest HE unions. If we are to be a truly representative movement, we need a zone that's relevant to every student on every campus.

Abdi Duale

A STUDENT MOVEMENT THAT TAKES ACTION ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

AS YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT I WILL MAKE THE CASE FOR REAL
INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ONCE AGAIN - NOT TOKENISTIC GESTURES.

LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT ED FUNDING FOR UNIVERSITIES
AND ERASMUS. A TRULY INTERNATIONALIST STUDENT MOVEMENT IS
ONE THAT CO-OPERATES WITH IT'S CLOSEST NEIGHBOURS.

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. SUPPORTING
STUDENT ACTIVISTS IN COUNTRIES WHERE UNIONISATION, STRIKING
AND PROTESTING IS ILLEGAL.

RUN A YEAR-ROUND CAMPAIGN ON VOTES AT SIXTEEN - WE
SHOULDN'T JUST BE MAKING THE CASE WHEN PARLIAMENT IS VOTING
ON IT, BUT WINING THE ARGUMENTS IN COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY

SUPPORT NUS-USI'S CAMPAIGN 'TRUST WOMEN' TO BRING
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS TO WOMEN IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND IN
REFORMING THE PETITION OF CONCERN TO BRING SAME-SEX
MARRIAGE TO NORTHERN IRELAND. I'LL SUPPORT NUS-USI NOT WITH
TOKENISTIC GESTURES, BUT WITH REAL SUPPORT BOTH FINANCIALLY
AND BY LOBBYING.



HAYVI RAHEM - PRESIDENT LEEDS CITY COLLEGE

I'M SUPPORTING ABDI BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP ZONE NEEDS TO FOCUS MORE ON FE. FROM HIS COMMITMENT TO VOTES AT 16 TO A LIVING WAGE FOR APPRENTICES. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT ABDI IS THE BEST PERSON TO BE OUR NEXT VICE PRESIDENT SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP.

A STUDENT MOVEMENT THAT FIGHTS FOR WORKERS RIGHTS

THERE'S BEEN A 54% INCREASE IN STUDENTS TAKING ON PAID EMPLOYMENT OVER THE PAST DECADE. AS LIVING COSTS INCREASE, MORE AND MORE STUDENTS ARE HAVING TO WORK TO COVER THE COST OF STUDYING, WORKING MULTIPLE JOBS FOR EXPLOITATIVE WAGES. WE NEED TO BE CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE IN THE WORKPLACE, NOT ACCEPTING THE STATUS QUO OF BEING OVERWORKED AND UNDERPAID. ELECT ME AS VICE-PRESIDENT SOCIETY & CITIZENSHIP, AND I'LL CAMPAIGN TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE STUDENTS, APPRENTICES AND WORKERS ARE UNITED IN THE FIGHT FOR FAIR PAY, AND THAT WORKERS RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED NOT JUST THE UK, BUT ACROSS THE GLOBE.

PARTNER WITH TRADE UNIONS TO PROVIDE FREE TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP FOR EVERY STUDENT WORKER

CREATE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TACKLE PAY INJUSTICES ON YOUR CAMPUS, FROM IMPLEMENTING A LIVING WAGE TO PAY RATIOS, TO HELPING APPRENTICES CAMPAIGN FOR A LIVING WAGE

COMMISSION A REPORT INTO THE IMPACT OF POVERTY PAY ON EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

A STUDENT MOVEMENT THAT TAKES ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WE SEE THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON OUR SOCIETY EVERY SINGLE DAY. 40,000 PEOPLE IN THE UK DIE EACH YEAR BECAUSE OF THE AIR WE BREATHE, AND IT IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE FACING OUR PLANET TODAY. WHILE NUS HAS BEEN LEADING THE WAY ON GREEN ISSUES, FOR TOO LONG THE SUSTAINABILITY MOVEMENT HAS BEEN TOO WHITE, TOO MIDDLE CLASS, AND NOT STANDING UP FOR THE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE. AS YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT SOCIETY & CITIZENSHIP, I'LL EMPOWER UNIONS TO MAKE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND EMBED GREEN ISSUES IN EVERYTHING NUS DOES. I WILL BUILD A MOVEMENT THAT IS LED BY WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR, TAKING RADICAL ACTION TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

● MAKE GREEN ENERGY A CHEAPER OPTION FOR STUDENTS AND UNIONS, BY PROVIDING DISCOUNTS ON NUS EXTRA AND BULK BUYING THROUGH NUS SERVICES

● WORK WITH PEOPLE AND PLANET TO MAKE GO GREEN WEEK A NATIONAL PRIORITY AND PROVIDE FE-SPECIFIC RESOURCES ON ENVIRONMENTALISM

● SUPPORT GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNS TO DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUELS AND INVEST IN GREEN ENERGY, AND LOBBY UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO TAKE FOSSIL FUELS OUT OF THE CURRICULUM

● CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS' UNIONS TO REPLACE SINGLE USE PLASTICS WITH BIODEGRADABLE ALTERNATIVES, AND BULK-BUYING BIODEGRADABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR UNIONS.



"I'M SUPPORTING ABDI TO BE OUR NEXT VICE-PRESIDENT SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP, BECAUSE I BELIEVE HE'S GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE OUR MOVEMENT MORE INCLUSIVE AND FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS ON OUR CAMPUSES AND AT WORK. SMALL AND SPECIALIST UNIONS DESERVE PROPER REPRESENTATION AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT'LL BE AT TOP OF ABDI'S PRIORITIES."

AMATEY DOKU - NUS VP HIGHER EDUCATION

A STUDENT MOVEMENT THAT SHAPES THE WORLD AROUND US

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES, BUT WHILE STUDENTS HAVE PUSHED FOR CHANGE, UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES HAVE PUSHED BACK. THE SOCIETY & CITIZENSHIP ZONE NEEDS TO SPEAK OUT AND STAND UP FOR THE MOST MARGINALISED IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND ON OUR CAMPUSES, AND PROVIDE REAL, PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE HIT HARDEST BY A TORY GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO REJECT THE GOVERNMENT'S ALIENATING FREE SPEECH AGENDA, THAT'LL OPEN UP OUR CAMPUSES TO HATE PREACHERS AND RACISTS.

AS YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT I PROMISE TO CHALLENGE AND RESIST THE RACIST RHETORIC THAT WE'VE SEEN DEVELOP IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM, AND I'LL INCREASE THE SUPPORT YOU NEED TO DEFEND AND EXTEND YOUR RIGHTS ON YOUR CAMPUS.

● RUN A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ALONGSIDE STUDENTS' UNIONS AND LOCAL COUNCILS TO RESETTLE ADDITIONAL REFUGEES IN THE UK, AND LOBBYING MORE UNIVERSITIES TO WORK ALONGSIDE STAR TO OFFER MORE BURSARIES AND ESOL CLASSES TO STUDENT REFUGEES

● LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE RADICAL ACTION ON HATE GROUPS, BY PROSCRIBING THE LIKES OF EDL AND BRITAIN FIRST



I'M REALLY EXCITED TO BE BACKING ABDI DUALE TO BE OUR NEXT VICE PRESIDENT SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP. I'VE WORKED WITH HIM ON THE SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP ZONE, AND KNOW HOW PASSIONATE HE IS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY, WORKERS RIGHTS AND BUILDING A MOVEMENT A ZONE THAT WORKS FOR ALL STUDENTS

CHISOMO PHIRI - SWANSEA SU



My Record

- ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND CREATION OF GSMSU - 2016/17
- FOUNDED GSM LONDON'S ISLAMIC SOCIETY - 2016/17
- BECAME GSMSU'S FIRST EVER DELEGATE TO NUS UK CONFERENCE - 2017/18
- NUS SUSTAINABILITY BOARD - 2017/18
- NUS SOCIETY AND CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE - 2017/18
- WORKED WITH GMB TO UNIONISE STAFF AT UEASU

IN THE SHORT TIME THAT I'VE KNOWN ABDI, HIS WORK CONTINUES TO IMPRESS, FROM MOBILISING STUDENTS POLITICALLY TO FIGHTING FOR THE CAUSES WE ARE ALL CARE FOR. ABDI IS AN EXEMPLARY EXAMPLE OF WHAT NUS NEEDS AND SHOULD REPRESENT.



JAMIE GRANT - VP COMMUNITIES STIRLING UNIVERSITY

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a bit about myself

During my years at Salford Students' Union, I campaigned tirelessly for a union that not only represents all students but defends their rights. I fought to bring liberation to the forefront of our work where access to education should never be a barrier. I want to lead a Society & Citizenship Zone that will always defend students like me that will fight for a cohesive multicultural and just society.

I'm running to be your VP Society and Citizenship, because I want an NUS that shapes an inclusive and progressive society, an NUS that supports and unites all students, and an NUS that actually makes concrete change.

media response unit

For too long, activists have been abruptly woken up to their faces on the front page of the national press, bombarded with hate mail from across the world. We need an NUS to lead a Media Response training unit and provide a coordinated press strategy to fight right-wing narratives that demonise our membership.

- Launch an Activist Media Training programme.
- Establish a Helpline for Student Unions and our membership.
- Establish a "Know your Rights" legal briefing toolkit.

Experience

- Salford Students' Union, President (2017 - 2018)
- National Executive Council (2016 - 2017)
- Salford Students' Union, Vice President Business and Law (2015 - 2016);
- NUS Anti-Racist Anti-Facist Committee 2016/2017 & 2017/18

Achievements

- Worked with the Black Students Campaign on the Preventing Prevent campaign.
- Pushed for a Democracy review at USSU and introduced liberation officers.
- Established a hate crime reporting centre at my Union.
- Organised the first Black History Month & Islamophobia Awareness Month at USSU.
- Refugee Action: supported the resettlement of refugees, offering welfare support and organising community events.

Shuwanna Aaron
NUS Scotland Women's Officer



“ Zamzam is one of the most committed activists I have ever come across. Her approach to tackling issues, and bring us all with her on the journey, is what we need from a VP Society and Citizenship. We need someone as articulate as Zamzam to give the Zone back some meaning. If SocCit is the Zone that is meant to represent the society and world we want to see - I can think of no one better than Zamzam to lead it. ”

FE is where it all begins

FE is where many of us first engaged with student activism; however, our work for these students over the last couple of years just hasn't been good enough. We can't allow FE to be sidelined any longer!

- Commission a Hate Crime survey within Further Education.
- Work with the newly-elected Metro Mayors across the UK to see how working together can benefit the students they represent, lobbying them on travel bursaries and studying provisions for students.
- Continue the campaign for Votes at 16.



Juliana Noor
VP at City of Liverpool College Union

“Zamzam is my candidate for Society and Citizenship because she will prioritise Further Education. The issues that Zamzam have highlighted are matters that FE students face and are discussions raised in many colleges. I have full faith in Zamzam and that she will push to resolve issues FE students face like travel bursaries and studying provisions.”

making my story possible

As a daughter of refugees, I have seen the barriers faced by Asylum seekers & Refugees in Education. We need to do better for our siblings!

- Train SU's in how to lobby their institution for 'Access to education Scholarships'
- Campaign for the Closure of Detention centres
- I will work with StAR & International students campaign to offer SU's resources.
- Campaign to scrap the Health surcharge and reinstate the Post study work visa for International students.



Yinbo Yu
NUS International Students' Officer

“Soc&Cit needs someone like Zamzam. She is someone who will undoubtedly look out for international student and make sure that they are an integral part of NUS and wider society. Her resilience and tireless passion for rights of refugees goes without saying.”

a society for the many

We can't win back power for students without building relationships beyond our campuses, and engaging positively through community organising. We need to be building a coalition of the many - schools, trade unions, faith groups and local campaign groups - working towards the common good, and putting our students and students unions at the heart of our local communities.

- Start a Youth Engagement Tour for Further Education: I will visit regions and platform Further Education to have a voice for positive social change.
- Re-energise our campaign against the closure of Youth Centres - education doesn't end in schools!
- Support and train SU's on how to effectively engage their communities, from becoming hate crime reporting centres to fundraising local initiatives.

climate change is a race issue

For too long, climate change has taken a backseat - it's time to bring this issue to the forefront. Climate change is a social justice issue, its one that primarily affects those in the global south and poorer communities

- Work with Black Students Campaign to raise awareness of race inequality - from quality of housing to the disproportionate effects of climate change in poorer communities.
- Launch a divestment campaign to provide a national toolkit, providing SU's with the resources to lobby their institutions to divest all their assets from fossil fuels, and invest in green technologies.