

# Stevie Wise

## my experience

The past year has been one of the most challenging for the student movement in decades. In Scotland, we mobilized 2000 students for the National Demo, saved EMA and won an additional £15m for College Bursaries.

As Vice-President Academic Affairs at Edinburgh University Students' Association and an NUS National Executive, I have worked tirelessly:

- Organising five buses of Edinburgh students to attend the National Demo
- Leading the award-winning 'Write to Mike' campaign, forcing Mike Crockett (Liberal Democrat MP) to resign his Government position and vote against higher tuition fees.
- Starting Scotland's first ever Widening Access Shadowing Scheme, bringing pupils from poorer backgrounds to shadow current university students, tackling Scotland's access and retention issues.



I'm proud of the successes we've achieved for students across the UK. But I am not done yet. In a time of uncertainty, I hope you will give me the chance to continue to work for you and your students.

## defending our education

This year I am proud to have been instrumental in transforming my Students' Association into a strong campaigning organisation. If elected I will:

- Continue to fight against damaging education cuts
- Support the Nations in their own education funding campaigns
- Fight against the marketisation of our education: NUS shouldn't be referring to students as 'customers', or talking about value-for-money

## my vision

This year, I have seen the value of forging links between individual unions and between student groups on campus. I set up the Edinburgh Students' Forum so that our local universities and colleges could work together more effectively.

If elected, I promise to make myself visible and contactable so that you know what your NEC is doing and you get the support you need.

If elected, I will campaign on transparency for International and Postgraduate fees. We cannot accept these students being charged what ever the market can bare or being treated as a blank cheque for universities bank balances.

## widening access

Fair access to education for all is my biggest passion, which is why I have created Scotland's first ever 'shadowing scheme'.

Raising aspiration, building support networks and reducing drop-outs for those from poorer backgrounds is something NUS should be excelling at.

If elected, I will make sure NUS is there to support you in doing this work on your campus.

Liam Burns, NUS Scotland President:

"With the scale of the challenges students' associations have to face next year, there is no one I trust more than Stevie to fight for students. Her fierce passion for widening access, deep knowledge of both the University and College sectors as well as her constant focus on campaigning and activism make her the ideal candidate."