

A MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS, NOT JUST OFFICERS

NUS should be creating ways for students to directly get involved in the student movement. Our members play an enormous role in our unions; they can do so in our national union. NUS is too geared towards the confederation and not enough to ensuring we are the voice of several millions. In this time of cuts, we need to be a movement if we are to beat the government - and that means engaging ordinary students. Elected Officers shouldn't be gatekeepers to NUS. I will ensure we have:

- Regional training events open to students so every student can get the skills and resources to become an activist and for every activist to play a bigger part in our movement
- More than just discounts - Recruiting NUS ambassadors informing students of how to take action, and shape our union
- Linkage between NUS and your societies, clubs and volunteers. Creating online forums so we don't have to rely on information being disseminated through sabbatical officers, and so students can utilise those that are there to represent them in NUS.

ABOUT ME:

Vice President Campaigns & Democracy, Reading University Students Union (RUSU)
NUS Society & Citizenship zone committee
Chair of Debating Society, RUSU

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Hundreds of students and members of the community joined in local Reading demo. Record numbers of students participating in our democratic forums & campaigning groups. Tailored support for candidates helping open up our elections to more students. Nationally recognised innovative Go Green Week & One World Week activities.

"I have seen first-hand what a terrific campaigner Nes is, she makes NUS and her student union matter to students on the ground in a refreshing and exciting way. If you want a campaigning, relevant NUS then Nes is the candidate for you"

Ed Marsh, NUS VP Union Development

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DEFENDING OUR UNIONS

We must work tirelessly to support the Students' Union under attack from their institution. Now more than ever NUS must not stick to the standard, one size fits all approach. I will:

- Provide more than just the odd jiscmail. Monthly online updates with your questions, and the solutions
- Deliver an initiative to recognise the contribution Students' Unions make to our institutions and to our local communities
- A winning the arguments toolkit for how to retain, restore and grow SU funding in a tough financial climate

FIGHTING CUTS

Cuts aren't just hitting students in education but in all aspects of our lives. As your block member I will:

- Develop resources that draw on creative and innovative campaigning that has succeeded in reversing or halting cuts.
- Encourage our unions to become hubs where students, residents groups & campaign coalitions can join forces in opposing cuts.

I am standing openly as a Labour Student. My values and principles brought me to the Labour Party and I believe it's important to be open and honest about that.