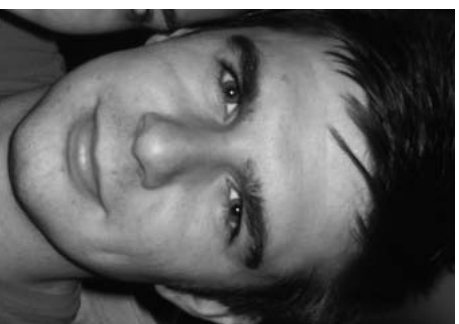


Daniel Cooper for National Executive



“ I’m standing as a grassroots activist, anti-cuts/free education campaigner and socialist, to help make sure this year’s magnificent student revolt has a strong voice on NUS NEC. ”

My record

I am President-elect of Royal Holloway SU, the first socialist elected in a uni whose political culture has been transformed over the last year. We’ve built a strong anti-cuts group, taken direct action including two occupations, politicised hundreds of students and defied all expectations by winning our union presidency. These kind of changes are happening across the country – they need to happen in NUS too.

I’ve been an activist since 6th form in South London, where I was involved in organising around knife crime and deprivation. I campaigned against the Iraq war, worked on climate change and anti-market ecology as president of our People & Planet society, organised for Youth Fight for Jobs, was a participant in the setting up of a Feminist Society and co-founded our Anti-Cuts Alliance. That was the basis on which I was elected President, and that is the basis on which I am standing for the NEC.

The fight we need

Grassroots anti-cuts activists have put our so-called leadership to shame. NUS needs a sharp turn left.

- Most universities have not set their fees yet, much less implemented them. Things will heat up again. We need massive direct action to demand unis refuse to raise fees and back our demand for increased funding.

Students and workers unite!

Student-worker unity is the central axis of struggle today – yet in the NUS, even the left is sometimes reluctant to talk about class struggle! That needs to change.

I stand for 100% support for our lecturers, education workers and other workers in struggle. The NEC’s refusal to support UCU’s upcoming strikes was a disgrace. We need to coordinate action with unions in dispute, and link up every SU and anti-cuts group with local anti-cuts committees. And I will work with education workers to develop an optimistic vision of a system in which education is a social good, not a commodity to be bought and sold on the market.

I’m supporting Daniel for NUS NEC because he is a committed left activist dedicated to fighting against neo-liberal ideology and regressive measures. He has helped fuel autonomous struggle against cuts on both local and governmental levels and would be a critical asset to the national movement.

Louis Hartnoll, SUARTS President

National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts

www.anticuts.com

RHUL Anti-Cuts Alliance

rhacc.wordpress.com

Egypt Workers’ Solidarity

www.egyptworker solidarity.org

- The graduate tax policy is an embarrassment. I stand for free education and a living grant for all students, in HE and FE. Tax the rich!

- Defend our rights. Support mass, militant action; oppose police violence. Work with campaigns like Right to Resist and Defend the Right to Protest to fight police brutality and intimidation.

- Transform our unions – dismantle bureaucracy, for general meetings and control by students, not trustees and unelected officials. I support the right of school students’ unions to affiliate to NUS.

Daniel has helped transform a supposedly apathetic union. I’m proud to have him and Royal Holloway in ULLU.

Clare Solomon, University of London Union President

I critically support the six left/anti-cuts candidates for the full-time positions on the NEC

- Mark Bergfeld
- Michael Chessum
- Jo Pinto
- Sean Rillo Raczka
- Aaron Kiely
- Ruby Hirsch

Daniel’s record at Royal Holloway shows that it’s possible to bring a new layer of activists into struggle and build strong, creative campaigns.

Imogen Martin, Hull Students Against Fees and Cuts and NUS Black Women’s Steering Committee

A political, internationalist union

I want an outward-looking, political union that mobilises students in the fight against racists and fascists on the streets, champions liberation and builds solidarity with movements like the worker uprising in Wisconsin and the revolutions sweeping the Middle East. From supporting the Palestinian and the Israeli left to solidarity with the new Egyptian unions, I will be an internationalist on NUS NEC.

And internationalism starts at home – as racism, so-called anti-terror laws and the Tories’ cap on immigration targets international students, they need a fighting NUS to defend them more than ever.