

NATIONAL CONFERENCE n u s 2011

CD4

Order Paper (Agenda) and Fringe Guide

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Order Paper

All sessions will start promptly at the times shown. All sessions of conference are non-smoking. Please note that mobile phones and pagers should always be turned off when on Conference floor and food **cannot be taken into the Conference hall.**

This document is the agenda for Conference and shows the order and timing of all business that will be discussed.

Please note that

- Start and end times of sessions
- Elections
- Access Breaks

...are fixed and cannot change. All other times are subject to change as conference progresses.

Democratic Procedures committee will announce changes and they will be displayed on screens in the conference hall.

Democratic Procedures Committee

Democratic Procedures committee are volunteers elected by last year's conference to be responsible for the business and smooth running of conference. Democratic Procedures committees' role and composition is defined by the constitution.

Members

- Steven Findlay (Chair)
- Kathy Wylde (Deputy Chair)
- Simon Darvill
- Ilana Fester
- Mark Foster
- Yemi Makinde
- Rob Park
- Dan Swain
- Will Watson

Please note that we would not encourage delegates to leave "en-masse" during access breaks because these have been introduced to facilitate the participation of some disabled students.

We would urge delegates to return from breaks and meals on time so that valuable time for consideration of motions is not lost.

Each of the 5 zones has been allocated time to report on their work and to propose their policy recommendations for the year ahead based on the volume of submissions received by the DPC. Delegates should be aware that an extension of the guillotine to continue discussing one area will result in less time to debate other areas of policy.

Further & Higher Education	4 Hours in Total
Union Development	1 Hour 45 minutes
Welfare & Student Rights	2 hours 15 minutes
Society and Citizenship	2 hours

Tuesday

09:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS
(You are advised to arrive ON TIME)

10:15 First Time Delegates' Reception & Training
(Please ask at information point for location)

11:00 First Time Delegates' Reception & Training REPEAT
(Please ask at information point for location)

11:30 Hall 1 (Conference Floor) Opens

12:00 Session One

Presidents' Opening Remarks

The National President will formally open the Conference with a keynote speech.

12:25 Welcome by Host Body
We are the guests of the people of NewcastleGateshead and the Chief Executive of NewcastleGateshead Initiative will offer a welcome.

12:30 Fraternal Greetings
It is traditional for the National President to receive greetings from a representative of a partner organisation in the opening session.

12:45 Staff Protocol
The Conference administration is carried out by members of NUS staff. Their conduct, and the conduct of delegates towards them, is covered by the Staff Protocol. In this session the National President will read out a protocol agreement between NUS and ACTS (the staff trade union) so that everyone is clear about procedure. We will also cover Domestic Arrangements and the Fire Procedures.

12:50 Session One Business

i. Introduction to and adoption of the Order Paper

In this part the Chair of the Democratic Procedures Committee explains this order paper, and Conference formally adopts it.

ii. Chief Returning Officer – Opening Nominations

A member of Elections Committee will announce opening and closing times of nominations for committee places. Nomination papers can be collected from election desk to the side of the stage.

iii. Motions | Zone 100 Membership | Proposals Document

National Executive motions to accept applications for organisational membership from new affiliates. These are displayed in the Final Proposals Document

iv. Minutes | CD3

Minutes of the last Annual Conference and all Extraordinary Conferences since that meeting.

v. Introduction to Policy Lapse | CD9

The National Executive will announce that all policy passed at the National Conference three academic years ago (2008) will lapse unless an objection is raised. It will be displayed on Conference floor. Objections must be handed to the Democratic Procedures Committee before 12 Noon on the Second day of conference.

vi. Constitutional Ratification | Proposals Document

At National Conference 2010 delegates voted for a constitutional change. To become valid it must be passed again at this conference by 2/3rds.

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- 13:00 Priority Campaign Report**
There will be a 5 minute presentation from the Convenors of the Priority Campaign followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.
- 13:15 Higher Education Zone Report | Reports Document**
There will be a 5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.
- 13:30 Further Education Zone Report | Reports Document**
There will be a 5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.
- 13:45 Further & Higher Education Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**
In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Further & Higher Education Zones.
- 15:45 Fringe Break**
A range of informal Fringe meetings will be held during this hour-long break - many with free food and drink. Make sure you get along to one of them; they are all open to all delegates.
- 16:45 Further & Higher Education Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**
In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Further & Higher Education Zones.
- 18:00 Close of Session One**
- Fringe Break**
A range of informal Fringe meetings will be held during this break- many with free food and drink. Make sure you get along to one of them; they are all open to all delegates.
- 19:00 Conference Floor Reopens**
- 19:30 Session Two**
- Friends of NUS: Guest Speaker**
- 19:45 Further & Higher Education Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**
In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Further & Higher Education Zones.
- 20:30 Union Development Report | Reports Document**
There will be a 5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.
- 20:45 Access Break**
- 21:00 Union Development Policy Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**
In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Welfare Zone.
- 22.00 Close of Session Two**
- Informal Presidential Hustings**
See the candidates for President in action- Hall 2
- Fringe Meetings**
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Wednesday

08:30 **Conference Floor Opens- Please be on time**

09:00 **Session Three**

Liberation & Sections Adoptions

Each of the areas will be asked to summarise their policy that will then be formally adopted into the main policy document.

09:30 **Union Development Policy Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**

In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Union Development Zone.

10:15 **Election | Manifesto Document**

National President

10:45 **Access break**

11:15 **Welfare Zone Report | Reports Document**

There will be a 5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.

12:00 **Welfare Zone Policy Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**

In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Welfare Zone.

Close of objections to lapsed policies and motions of censure and no confidence in the NEC

13:00 **Close of Session Three**

Fringe Break

A range of informal Fringe meetings will be held during this break- many with free food and drink. Make sure you get along to one of them; they are all open to all delegates.

14:00 **Conference Floor Opens- Please be on time**

14:30 **Session Four**

Welfare Zone Policy Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document

In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Welfare Zone.

15:15 **Election: Three Vice Presidents | Manifesto Document**

Vice President Further Education, Vice President Higher Education & Vice President Union Development

15:45 **Access Break**

16:15 **Adoptions of Nations Resolutions**

Each of the Nations, and NUS-USI will be asked to deliver a summary of their policy and their policy will be adopted into the main policy document.

16:30 **Society & Citizenship Report | Reports Document**

There will be a 5 minute presentation from the Zone Convenor followed by 10 minutes where delegates may ask questions on how policy has been implemented.

16:45 **Society & Citizenship Recommendations & Motions | Proposals Document**

In this session we will discuss motions and amendments to them in the Soc & Cit Zone.

18:45 **Access Break**

19:00 **Election: Two Vice Presidents | Manifesto Document**

Vice President Welfare & Vice President Society & Citizenship

19:45 NUS Annual General Meeting: Reports | Reports Document

Trustee Board Report

Delegates will receive a 5 minute presentation on the Trustee Report. The Accounts and Estimates for the year will be proposed. A vote will take place to accept the report.

Nominations Committee Report

Delegates will receive a 5 minute presentation on the Nominations Committee report. The Lay Trustee Nomination for the year ahead will be presented. A vote will take place to accept the report.

Chief Returning Officer Report

Delegates will receive a 5 minute presentation on the Chief Returning Officer's report. A vote will take place to accept the report.

Democratic Procedures Committee Report

Delegates will receive a 5 minute presentation from the Democratic Procedures Committee (DPC). This will include DPC's recommendation to Conference for next year's delegate entitlement. **This recommendation inter-relates with two other debates:** A constitutional ratification about part-time students on Day 1; and a proposal to increase the size of Conference on Day 3. A vote will take place to accept the report.

20:15 Close of Session Four

Fringe Meetings

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Thursday

08:30 Conference Floor Opens- Please be on time

09:00 Session Five

National Executive Council Report | Report Document

09.15 Election | Manifesto Document

Student Trustees
Democratic Procedures Committee
National Executive Council: Block of 15

11.15 Access Break

11:45 AGM Continued

Policy Lapse

Policy from the 2008 Conference will lapse unless it is objected from lapsing. Policy lapse is available online and displayed in the Sage lower level.

AGM Motions | Proposals Document

Motions from DPC and other rules revision motions will be discussed.

14:00 Close of Conference

14.05 Leaving Speeches of Full Time Officers until 16:00

Introduction to the National Conference Fringe Guide 2011

Hello and welcome to the NUS National Conference Fringe Guide 2011. After the success of last year's fringe programme we are pleased to be able to present to you an extensive programme for conference 2011. We hope that there is something here which interests all delegates and that you enjoy your time here in NewcastleGateshead.

National Conference is not just about the debates that take place on conference floor during the formal part of conference, its also about the debate and discussion that happens around conference, and that is why we are pleased that so many different groups and organisations have provided space and topics for discussion this year.

We very much encourage you to take part in the fringe at conference, and with some interesting speakers lined up there should be some lively debates for you all to participate in. Additionally it's a great way to find out more about what is happening in the student movement and to even meet some new people and make some new friends.

Have fun, and we are looking forward to seeing you on the fringe!

Eating & Drinking around the Sage

Fringe meetings are an ideal way to get fed and watered as this year most fringes are providing food and drink. However, outside of the fringes there are several places to eat and drink in the Sage:

Sir Michael Straker Café: Located on the lower concourse of the Sage Gateshead, serves from 8.30am till late, offering a wide range of snacks and drinks. Offering freshly ground coffee that is organic, Fair Trade and Rainforest Alliance compliant, and with an in-house bakery producing a range of snacks for everyone. Throughout the day, the Café also offers hot food, from freshly made soup to an ever-changing array of hearty hot meals.

Hall 2 Bar: The bar outside of Hall 2 will be open from 1pm on Tuesday and from then during normal licensed hours and will sell Soft Drinks, and a range of snack food.

Hall 1, Foyer 1 bar: The Bar located next to conference floor, this bar will be serving a range of soft drinks and food from 8.30am each day till the close of conference.

Alcohol will **not** be on sale at any bar at the Sage for the duration of Conference. Some Fringes may include alcohol.

Tuesday Afternoon

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

The fight back starts here: taking the funding campaign forward (NUS)

Northern Rock Foundation Hall

With most institutions setting fees of £9k and the Government pushing back the publication of the White Paper, many people have been asking “What Next?” for the funding campaign. This fringe will outline the work being done in a range of areas by NUS to defend education and take forward the fight.

From campaigning to **Save EMA**, to arguing to protect **Widening Participation** funding, to defending the rights of **Muslim Students** to be able to access the student loan system, to fighting to secure better **terms and conditions** for students when they enter higher education, and **extending the student loan** system to post-graduates there is still lots of work for us to do. Let's not forget the students in all of this.

To find out what's next, to feedback to us on our plans and to continue the fight for our education – come along to this fringe.

Speakers Include: **Usman Ali** – Vice President Higher Education, **Shane Chowen** – Vice President Further Education and **Ed Marsh** – Vice President Union Development

Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

Protest on Trial

(Liberation in partnership with Society & Citizenship)

Barbour Room

Using a new debate format during this fringe participants will be invited to discuss the positives/negative and ins & outs of protests. An interactive session where we hope that people are inspired to take part in the debate and contribute their thoughts and feelings on different forms of protests and direct action. The session will be facilitated by **Lola Sparkle** from **Mutiny**.

Light Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

The European Higher Education student experience: putting UK on the map (European Students' Union)

Foyer 3

From the Browne Review in the UK to the Dombrovskis budget cuts in Latvia, from the Lukashenko election with its Independence Square protests in Belarus to the reforms on student participation in Hungary and Romania, the past few months have been very turbulent and challenging for students and student representatives across Europe.

This fringe will look at the main issues facing students across Europe today, what they mean in a UK context and how we as students and student representatives can address them. It will identify the key actors and processes involved and look at how we can engage with them.

Speakers Include: **Bert Vandenkendelaere** (Chairperson, European Students' Union) **George-Konstantinos Charonis** (Academic Affairs Committee, European Students' Union) **Christina Yan Zhang** (International Students' Officer, NUS) **Joy Elliott** (International Students' Committee, NUS)

Light Refreshments

Provided

Tuesday Afternoon

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

Championing Inter Faith Dialogue on Campus

(NUS Inter Faith Project)

Squires Lounge

Good Inter Faith Relations on Campus: A toolkit for students' unions has been written as a source of support and guidance to help students' unions and students organise regular inter faith activities. Come and hear the experiences of students and sabbatical officers who have organised activities for National Inter Faith Week.

Speakers Include: **Joshua Dresner**, Student and founder of FaithsWorks Campaign at Manchester University, **Alaa' Elaydi**, Student and Chair of Inter Faith Association at Birmingham University, **Rachel Colley**, Activities Officer at Sheffield University, **Jess Green**, VP Activities at Liverpool John Moores, **Rebekah Welton**, Student at Kings College London.

Light Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

2012 - How do you make the most of the Games?

(2012 Student Ambassador Project)

Foyer 2

Come along to an interactive and informative session that will give you the opportunity to find out what's happening with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and how you and other students can get involved. This session will give you lots of practical ideas about how you can be involved with the London 2012.

We'll highlight some examples of great activities that are already happening within students' unions as well as giving you the opportunity to start an action plan to kick start your engagement with the Games.

Speakers Include: **Fiona Ellison** – 2012 Project Manager at NUS, **Gareth Smith** – Head at Podium: The Higher and Further Education unit for the 2012 Games and student representatives.

Light Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

The Green Movement in Student Politics

(Young Greens)

MEC 9

The 'green' movement- broadly meant in terms of the environmental and ethical movement- has reached a new frenzy of activity within student politics. What links campaigning groups like UK Uncut and Climate Camp, to those such as the NUS and Student Unions? What can student unions and the NUS do to ensure that environmental and ethical considerations are at the forefront of the campaigns we run?

This panel discussion, hosted by the Young Greens, will offer a chance to start to answer these questions in a friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

Speakers include: **Adam Ramsy** (People and Planet), **Nishma Doshi** (Young Greens), **Aaron Kiely** (NUS Black Student's Campaign)

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

The shirt on your back: Justice, trade and sweatshops and what student unions can do

(Fairtrade Foundation, People & Planet and Playfair 2012)

MEC 19

From poverty stricken cotton pickers in Mali to garments made in Chinese sweatshops to clothes sold in your SU shop. The garment trade is famous for its problems. But cotton farmers, garment workers, NGOs and unions are also working on solutions and student unions can join the movement for justice.

This panel debate and workshop brings together the top campaigners from labour rights, trade justice and student activism. Join the debate, and find out how student unions are crucial to improving the lives of workers in the clothing business.

[Meet campaigners from People & Planet, Playfair 2012 and Fairtrade Foundation]

Tuesday Afternoon

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

'Ryanair degrees for Rolls-Royce prices?'

(NUS Scotland)

Explore Music

From next year universities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will start charging higher fees with Welsh domiciled tuition fees at least being protected at their current level. Even for Scottish students who have had the spectre of fees taken off the table for now, increasingly principals and commentators are calling for fees under the guise of 'protecting and improving quality'.

Should students now accept their status as consumers or resist this agenda, instead acting as co-creators of their education? Do the immediate wins in improving the student experience, made possible through additional fees, outweigh the threat of fees being embedded for generations to come?

Hear the full range of views from the sector including **Liam Burns** – President NUS Scotland

Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 15.45-16.45

Why we need a fighting union

(Voices from the Movement)

MEC 7

Speakers include **Mark Bergfeld** (NUS NEC), **Ruby Hirsch** (FE student activist), **Vicki Baars** LGBT Officer (Women's place), **Kanja Sesay** Blacks Students Officer, **Hesham Zakai** (London Student Editor).

A new era of revolt and revolution is awakening across the world, from the uprisings that brought down dictators in Egypt and Tunisia to the mass occupations of the Wisconsin State Capitol and general strikes across Europe. Our campuses have not been immune from this new mood: the student protests against tuition fees were the biggest and most militant in decades.

But we have only seen the beginning. As governments across the world deepen their austerity programmes, cuts affect liberation groups disproportionately, and as politicians stir up racist scapegoating to deflect anger and as British bombs start to fall on yet another Muslim country, millions are looking for an alternative. Now we need a National Union which is up to the task of fighting for that alternative.

Tuesday Early Evening

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

Generation Cuts: No Voice = No Mandate?

(Society & Citizenship and Further Education Zones)

Northern Rock Foundation Hall

Young people are faced with cuts to essential services, a narrowing of educational opportunities, and record highs of youth unemployment. These challenges are great and are about to get tougher as cuts hit local authorities and they seek to cut services and reduce expenditure. This fringe will explore how students and students' unions can respond to the current climate and how they can influence the political debate.

Speakers Include: **Susan Nash** - VP Society and Citizenship (Chair), **Toni Pearce** - NUS NEC, **Iain Wright** - MP for Hartlepool

Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

What is the point of University?

(Higher Education Zone)

Barbour Room

It's Question Time with your host **Usman Ali** playing the role of David Dimbleby. A panel of experts from the higher education sector reflect on whether, in light of higher fees, graduate unemployment and a growing host of alternatives, people should still bother going to university. Is there still such a thing as education for education's sake? And at what price does the priceless become just too expensive? Bring your questions or tweet them beforehand to **@NUS_HE**

Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

Meet the Zionists

(Union of Jewish Students)

Hall 2

Zionism in recent years has become a faceless concept, with negative connotations. Age old Judaic conspiracy theories have been regurgitated and attached to the ideology, such as world domination, media manipulation and control of global finances. The truth is substantially different.

This panel will explore what Zionism truly means to Jewish students. It will open discussion surrounding the issue, affording students the opportunity to also discuss the ISRAEL-PALESTINE conflict through the prism of Zionism. We hope to illustrate that far from being a monolithic evil ideology, Zionism is a fluid concept that manifests itself differently for every Jewish student.

Speakers include: **Oliver Worth**, Chair of the World Union of Jewish Students and recent graduate of Manchester University, **Deborah Blausten**; Medicine Student at UCL, **Joel Braunold**: former student at Bristol University, and **Daniel Gindis**; Current student at the Interdisciplinary Centre (IDC) in Herzliya Israel.

Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

Students without Borders? What immigration changes mean for you

(International Students Committee)

Squires Lounge

The focus of the event will be a discussion of the recently announced changes to the student immigration rules, with a panel of immigration experts, political leaders, senior figures from colleges and universities and representatives of national sector bodies.

The discussion will explore:

- The new restrictions on student immigration
- What these are likely to mean for universities and colleges
- What students' unions and institutions can do to limit negative impacts on students and the education sector

The event will also share some of the work which is being done by NUS and students' unions to protect the rights of international students.

Refreshments Provided

Tuesday Early Evening

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

Disabled Students issues are ALL our issues

(Disabled Students Committee)

Explore Music

This fringe is all about **Challenging Perceptions**. 90% of disabilities are hidden and 1 in 4 of your exec team will be going through a mental health issue whilst you are reading this! Disabled issues are everybody's issues and if you are reading this you will be disabled, have been disabled, will be disabled at some point in the future and/or you will know somebody who is disabled.

It's time for all officers to take disabled students' issues seriously and this fringe will detail the ways in which disabled and non disabled people can become involved with the NUS Disabled Students' Campaign. Expect a **quiz** and a video of **Usman Ali - VP HE**, trying to wheel himself around Manchester University for a day whilst using a wheelchair.

Light Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

Candidate Information Session

(Elections Committee)

MEC 3

Nominations open at National Conference for students wishing to stand for **the NUS Trustee Board** and **Democratic Procedures Committee**. This session offers a short introduction to the roles for any prospective candidates.

Tea and Coffee Provided

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

Stop the BNP, EDL and Islamophobia – defend multiculturalism

(Unite Against Facism)

MEC 9

The British National Party secured over 1 million votes at the general election last year. The thugs of the English Defence League are terrorising the Muslim community in towns and cities across Britain with their racist 'protests.' At the same time David Cameron has launched an attack on multiculturalism in a bid to divide our diverse communities and find scapegoat for the cuts.

Come along to our meeting to discuss how we can challenge the rise of the far right, racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, including how we can drive back the fascists at the ballot box at the forthcoming local elections in May.

Refreshments Provided

TUESDAY 18.00-19.30

NUS Nations Reception

(NUS)

Foyer 2

A warm welcome exclusively for all delegates from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. This reception provides delegates from the Nations to meet each other and network.

Speakers: Katie Dalton (**President NUS Wales**), Liam Burns (**President NUS Scotland**), Ciarnan Helferty (**President NUS-USI**).

Drinks and Nibbles Provided

Tuesday Night

TUESDAY 22.00-23.00

Presidential Informal Hustings Event

Hall 2

Starring:

Mark Bergfeld – NUS NEC Block of 15; **Liam Burns** – NUS NEC President of NUS Scotland; **Thomas Byrne** – York University; **Shane Chowen** – NUS NEC Vice President Further Education

Chaired by: Sophy Ridge, Political Correspondent, Sky News

This exciting and lively Presidential hustings event provides delegates with a unique opportunity to both hear from the NUS National President candidates 2011/12 and ask them those questions you have always wanted the answers to. Find out where the candidates stand on a wide range of issues important to the student movement.

Seats at this event are limited due to venue capacity and entrance will be granted on a first come first served basis. Conference delegates will be given priority over entry.

Wednesday Lunchtime

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

Get on the Bus

(Welfare Zone and Further Education Zone)

Northern Rock Foundation Hall

As the government brutally attacks hundreds of thousands students rights to EMA, and end local authorities' requirement to provide transport for learners this fringe allows will take you to the heart of the debate of re-instating and defending transport funds for learners.

As Unions across the country take on this challenge locally, we want to give you an opportunity to hear from those campaigning against the cuts as well those who will be affected by the cuts. We also want to hear from you about how you can feed into our Get on the bus transport campaign.

Speakers include: **Shane Chowen** (Vice President Further Education) **Ben Whittaker** (Vice President Welfare) City College Norwich SU, Local Government Association, College Principal

Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

HE Unions- 'Surviving and Thriving in the current climate?'

(Union Development Zone)

Hall 2

At Conservative Party conference the Young Briton Foundation hosted a fringe titled "The Unfinished Revolution: Smashing the Closed Shop of Students' Unions and the NUS". Whereas David Willetts describes students' unions as being part of the fabric of campus and as being part of 'the big society in action'.

With such contrasting views of student unions/associations/guilds, NUS will need to be both agile and challenging in its approach to improving and championing student unions, this session will look at the future of student unions based on lessons from international student movements, specifically we will focus on how through Campaigning, Activism and Volunteering student unions can make sure that they survive the changes to higher education, and then thrive within the new landscape, speakers will include experts in all three of these areas, of course lots of great examples of these already exist in students' unions, so be prepared to share as well as listen.

Speakers will debate these issues – expect a lively and interesting debate!

Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

Has Multiculturalism Failed?

(Federation of Student Islamic Societies)

Barbour Room

David Cameron's recent remarks have triggered a new wave of discussion surrounding British values, identity, race and culture. Have we taken tolerance one step too far? Is multiculturalism well and truly dead?

The Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) invites you to this lunchtime roundtable discussion to join our range of speakers and explore the Multiculturalism Debate for yourself. Bring along a friend, an open mind, and let's talk about multiculturalism. Free lunch also provided!

Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

Cuts, Cuts, Cuts – Who's paying the price

(FE Zone)

Foyer 2

This fringe will explore the changing landscape of further education over the coming years in the context of huge cuts facing the sector. FE is being heralded as the 'sector of growth', yet is being faced with massive cuts to budgets and increasing costs to students. How will the sector continue to provide high quality education and training opportunities in the context of rising unemployment, a reduced teaching workforce and less public investment? How will College mergers affect opportunities for young people and adults, and what will the effects be of new funding arrangements forcing adults to take out student loans to get GCSE and A-Level equivalent qualifications?

Invited speakers include: **Barry Lovejoy**, Head of FE – UCU, **Toni Pearce**, President – Cornwall College SU and NUS NEC, **Professor David Blanchflower**, Speaker from **Association of Colleges**, and **Shane Chowen**, Vice President (FE), NUS

Refreshments Provided

Wednesday Lunchtime

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

Standardisation: Empowering Students and Unions?

(British Standards Institute)

Squires Lounge

It's the most exciting and ill-advised tweetup to ever hit NUS Conference!*

Join TheUniversityBlog's Martin Hughes and BSI's Newell Hampson-Jones to discuss the relevance standardisation can have to students' lives.

This session will focus on why learning about standardisation can enhance future careers, what role standards can play in protecting students in a marketised system, and how standards can be a powerful tool with which unions can hold their universities accountable. You will leave with practical ideas that can be applied instantly to make a positive difference to your students' experience. And sandwiches.

Speakers Include: **Newell Hampson-Jones (aka @theNHJ, prev @NHJ_HE)** – Education Sector Representative at British Standards Institution, **Martin Hughes (aka @UniversityBoy)** – Hero of HE; Supreme Creator & CEO, TheUniversityBlog. **Mystery NUS Guest (aka @??)**.

*allegedly

Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

End imperialist intervention & occupation in Libya and the Middle East – End the Siege on Gaza (Stop the War, Palestine Solidarity Campaign and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament)

MEC 9

On the 8th anniversary of the Iraq war the West launched war on Libya. One million people were killed in the war on Iraq and many hundreds of thousands in the ongoing war on Afghanistan – has the US and Britain not learnt the lessons of these bloody and failing occupations? A war on Libya will not bring peace and democracy – it will lead to greater death and destruction.

Israel's illegal siege on Gaza continues to deny the Palestinians their basic human rights – including the right to education. But international pressure for an end to the siege is growing – from the Trade Union Congress in Britain to the people rising up for justice in Egypt.

Come along to this meeting to discuss how students can support international peace, justice and human rights.

Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

Zero Tolerance to sexual harassment in your union

(NUS Women's Committee)

Explore Music

Come along to this interactive workshop to find out about how to make your Union a zero tolerance to sexual harassment Union.

In the fringe/workshop you will:

- Find out the facts and figures about sexual harassment of students
- Hear from Unions who have already implemented the policy
- Find out exactly how to be awarded zero tolerance accreditation
- Learn how to win the arguments for a zero tolerance policy
- Have the chance to ask any questions you have

Dozens of Unions have already adopted a zero tolerance policy - why not be the next?

Refreshments Provided

WEDNESDAY 13.00 – 14.30

Where next for the student anti-cuts movement?

(National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts)

MEC 19

After the demonstrations of last year, and in spite of a lack of leadership from the NUS, students and staff are continuing the fight against education cuts. Around the country, there are many local campaigns in colleges and universities. Come to this fringe meeting, hosted by the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts, to discuss how we can co-ordinate these campaigns nationally and take them forward in the months to come.

Wednesday Evening

WEDNESDAY 20.15 – 21.45

ACTS/Unite the Union reception

(ACTS – The NUS Staff Trade Union)

Northern Rock Foundation Hall

ACTS, the NUS Staff Trade Union are pleased to invite you to hear the first speech from the next National President.

It will be the first opportunity to hear from the **newly elected NUS President**. Proceeds from this event will be split with 30% supporting the work of the NUS staff trade union and **70% donated to Positive Women**, a charity set up to empower women and children in Africa, starting with Swaziland. Their work focuses on supporting communities to help them change their own lives and circumstances, to alleviate poverty and make significant social progress.

Tickets are £3, include the price of a drink and light canapés, and can be bought from the **conference information desk**.

As well as the historic Presidential address it's an opportunity to learn more about Unite the Union – the trade union of the NUS Staff team.

Drink and Canapés Provided

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"Violence & Vandalism - Does Direct Action achieve its aims?"

(NUS)

Hall 2

Since the student fees demonstration on the 10th of November 2010 there has been an increase in the use of violence and vandalism as a tactic of direct action. The extent to which vandalism is seen as an acceptable form of protest and whether violence is the answer has become a key political debate. This fringe debate will seek to explore this issue with panelists representing a wide range of political views. **Expect disagreement!**

Speakers Include: Chair - Francis Beckett (**Guardian Journalist and Author**), Aaron Porter (**National President**), Laurie Penny (**New Statesman**), Douglas Murray (**Centre for Social Cohesion**) (*invited*)

Canapés and Soft Drinks

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Won't Someone think of the Postgrads!?

(NUS Postgraduate Committee)

Squires Lounge

This fringe is for you if you are working with postgraduates, are a postgraduate, or have been meaning to think about postgraduate engagement all year but haven't quite got around to it yet. Meet the PG campaign team, hear about the work we have going on, have your postgrad-related questions answered, meet like-minded people, and have a spot of (what else?) wine and cheese. Feel free to drop in for anything from five minutes to the full hour and a half. All delegates and observers are welcome.

Cheese and Wine Reception (!)

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The Future of Student Voice in Further Education

(FE Zone)

Foyer 2

The role of students as co-producers of their learning requires the sector to properly support student voice mechanisms in our colleges and sixth forms. Whilst we know this is true, the reality is becoming radically different. On the one hand, Government are slashing enrichment funding – used to support student voice activity and fund students' unions – is being slashed by 74%, and on the other hand, the duty to consult employers and students is being removed from law. Some argue that Student Governors are ineffective and should not get a place on the Corporation and that Learner Involvement Strategies are 'unnecessary bureaucracy.'

This fringe will investigate what students' unions must do next to defend the rights of their members in having a say on decisions which affect them at every level of decision making at their institution.

Invited speakers include: **Toni Pearce**, FE Zone Committee, NUS NEC, **Peter Avery**, Principal, Richard Huish Sixth Form College, Speaker from **Association of Colleges** and **Tyron Wassell**, President, Blackpool and the Fylde College SU.

Refreshments Provided

Wednesday Evening

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Students and Hate Crime

(Welfare Zone)

Barbour

Hate Crime: This fringe will cover key findings of the NUS hate crime survey, the first nationwide student-specific research in this area, which found 16 per cent of all respondents surveyed experienced at least one form of hate incident while studying at their current institution. Moreover, compared to victims of non-prejudiced antisocial behaviour and crime, those who experienced hate-related incidents were more likely to be repeatedly victimised as well as suffer greater impact – and yet, by and large these cases went unreported and the student affected unsupported. The fringe will include an interactive discussion for attendees to inform the key recommendations of the research, due to be released in August 2011.

Phone App Launch: We will also be launching a brand new free smartphone application and web service called Student SafetyNet. This service allows students to share their experiences of crime and antisocial behaviour with other students in their local area. The phone application, also allows students' unions to build up a picture of what's happening where and keep users informed with safety tips.

Speakers include: **Ben Whittaker**, Vice President Welfare, **Steph Neave** Social Policy Research and Projects Officer, NUS and **Dan Francis** Resource and Information Officer, NUS

Refreshments Provided

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How do we fight for education?

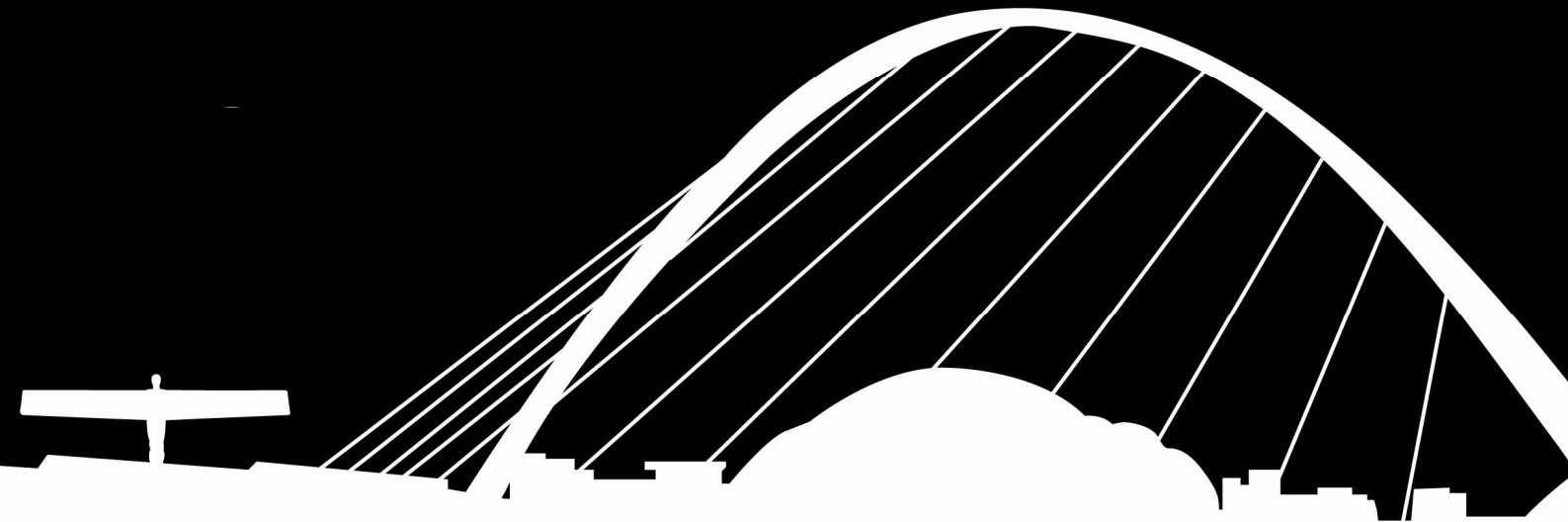
(Education Activist Network)

Foyer 3

Speakers include **Jim Wolfreys** KCL UCU, **student occupier**, **FE student activist**, **NUS President-elect** (invited).

With cuts, fees and the scrapping of EMA the coalition government is wreaking unprecedented vandalism on our education system. In November and December student walkouts, protests and occupations turned the tuition fees vote into a major crisis for the government – and now lecturers are striking against attempts to make them pay for the funding crisis.

With the Higher Education white paper just around the corner, what alternatives are possible for universities and colleges? How can we defend education as a right and a public service? How should students, activists and education workers organise to win this fight? Join strikers, occupiers and activists to discuss the next steps in the struggle for education.



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