

TONI PEARCE

#1 FOR VP FE



Students deserve equal and unchallenged access to quality Further Education. I'm ready to stand up and fight for that principle and that's why I'm running to be **your** Vice President Further Education.

This year has seen a wave of activism from students in FE. From the thousands protesting on the streets against the coalition's destructive scrapping of EMA to the 52,000 students who made their voices heard on November 10th and from the student officers I've worked with over the past four years to the students that turn up in Parliament to make MPs listen, I have been inspired by what we can do together.

I want to fight for those people. I want to fight for Further Education. That's why I'm running to be **your** VPFE.

Changing our National Union

This year FE has proven it is not prepared to be the silent, sidelined majority any more. Not ignored by government, not ignored by our college and not ignored by our NUS.

Elect me and I will:

- **Fight** for better representation of FE students on NUS committees and the NEC
- **Fight** for better access to NUS for FE

Experience

- Class Rep at Cornwall College Camborne 2006-07
- Chair of Cornwall College Students' Union Site Team 2007-09
- President (sabbatical) of Cornwall College Students' Union 2009-11
- NUS Further Education Zone Committee Member 2009-11
- NUS National Executive Committee FE Zone Rep 2009-11

Student Support

We need a funding system that gets support to those who need it, when they need it, throughout the academic year.

Elect me and I will:

- **Fight** against plans to abolish the Adult Learning Grant
- **Fight** against plans to abolish 16-18 public transport subsidies
- **Fight** for a National Bursary Framework for FE that ensures support is not only available on a "first come, first served basis"
- **Fight** for full reinstatement of the Education Maintenance Allowance

"Toni is without a doubt the only candidate in this election to take up the fight for students in FE. At a time of unprecedented cuts to our education, Toni will be the VPFE that uses extensive local expertise to deliver a powerful and engaging national campaign. I am delighted to be supporting her, and will definitely be voting Toni Pearce, #1 for NUS Vice President (Further Education)."

Shane Chowen, VP Further Education, NUS

Liberating FE

The NUS Liberation Campaigns are experts in tackling inequality but I have seen how challenging it is to engage FE students in NUS' liberation campaigns. I believe all students should have access their expertise and campaigns.

Elect me and I will:

- **Fight** for a range of regional events for FE officers and students to bring Liberation front and centre
- **Fight** discrimination through our curriculum, our colleges and in society, by empowering our activists



“It's very clear that Toni is the right person for the job. A fantastic campaigner from lobbying MPs to attending the National demos; Her passion, knowledge and dedication is what the FE Zone needs to help get it through what is going to be a very difficult year!”

Lani Baird, Aberdeen College Students Association



Non-Traditional Students

We can't continue to expect students to adapt their lifestyles around NUS' inaccessible structures; it's about time we adapted to them. It's time to change the student movement.

Elect me and I will:

- **Fight** to celebrate our diversity, not exclude it
- **Fight** for a discrete “Student Engagement” Grade in ESTYN, OfSTED, HMIE and ETINI inspections
- **Fight** for universal representation across the sector

“I can think of nobody better equipped to deliver for further education. Toni has a proven record of delivering both locally and nationally and the skills and vision to take further education to the heart of NUS and to the heart of government; she will be my #1 for Vice President Further Education”

Ed Marsh, VP Union Development, NUS

Vocational Education

All too often, students with good GCSEs get pushed into A Levels, and students with good A Levels pushed into doing a degree at University – creating a “second class” route for everyone else through vocational education. Students have a right to choose courses they enjoy and get them to where they want to be.

Elect me and I will:

- **Fight** to increase the profile of Vocational Education through a “Vocation Nation Week”
- **Fight** to get BTEC results day the same national coverage and celebration as A level results day
- **Fight** government plans to further segregate vocational education by introducing University Technical Colleges – FE Colleges already deliver high quality vocational education, lets just fund them properly!

See my extended manifesto for how I will deliver for Further Education in these areas as well as Learning and Teaching, and Student Governors.

More information and different formats of my manifesto are on my Facebook Page.

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