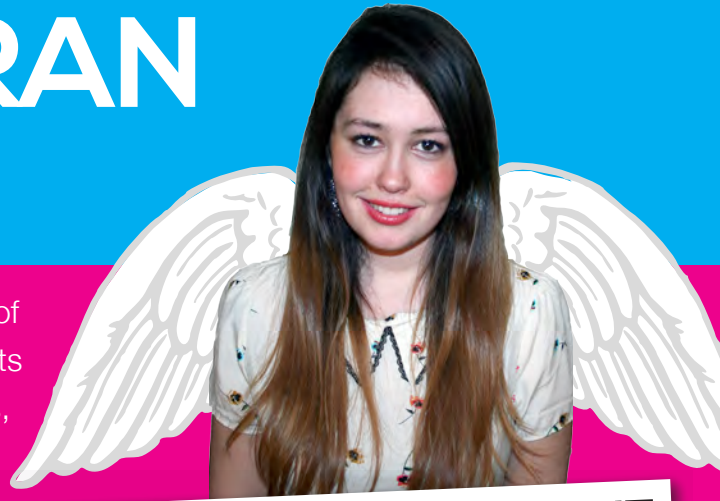


CHARLIE AGRAN

for NEC Block of 15

I'm a third year student studying Politics at the University of Leicester. I want NUS to have a more direct link to students studying in their institutions and living in their communities, which is why I'm standing for Block of 15.



DEFENDING A MEANINGFUL EDUCATION FOR EVERY STUDENT

Forcing students to pay £9,000 has changed university. For me and my course mates these fees have had a real impact on our university experience. We spend hundreds on course materials. We have become risk averse for fear of failing, not challenging

ourselves in the classroom. We have become more competitive with our peers for jobs that don't exist. For lots of students university is alienating, not the life changing experience it should be.

I want NUS to:

- Campaign against £9k fees and campaign at the general election for an alternative
- Work to politicise course reps, who are ready to shape their institutions
- Campaign for universities to provide the resources students need to study

CREATING COMMUNITIES ON CAMPUS

I am passionate about building student communities on campus where students can find support.

Most student communities are created around the things we care about, like sports clubs, societies, course representation and liberation campaigns. But most students see NUS as distant from their communities.

Faith communities often don't get involved in liberation campaigns. At Leicester, I founded the Jewish Society and interfaith network. This helped students of faith who are also LGBT+, women and disabled explore and express their multi-faceted identities. NUS must lead the way in providing platforms for students of faith to lead their own liberation campaigns.

I want NUS to:

- Engage with students on their terms
- Expand on the 'I Will Lead the Way' initiative to support women of faith in leadership
- Develop an 'Understanding Students of Faith' training scheme for officers

KEEPING RACISTS & FASCISTS OFF OUR CAMPUSES

When students vote in elections, those who stand to threaten, intimidate, and divide our communities lose.

NUS have a crucial role in making sure students vote in local, national and European elections.

We have to work together with community groups to offer positive

alternatives to the fear and hate peddled by the EDL and BNP. The NUS anti-racism, anti-fascism (ARAF) campaign should be much more than a poorly attended conference. We should be supporting genuine grassroots activism to combat fascism, racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism.

I want NUS to:

- Run a priority campaign to get the student vote out in the local, European and general elections
- Embed ARAF into the summer officer training
- Develop a 'lessons from Auschwitz' trip for officers to ensure Holocaust education remains a focus for NUS' ARAF work

"NUS has to do more to support the thousands of students working hard on their course and their campus to transform the experience of their peers. Charlie is a committed activist, working to ensure students feel safe and accepted at universities. NUS needs more people like Charlie in our democracy"

Rachel Wenstone, VP Higher Education

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