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#1 FOR THE BLOCK



DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS

This year has seen the brutal, relentless and systematic erosion of support services for our most vulnerable members; student parents, returning students and learners from low income household were the first to be placed in the firing line. We've seen the elimination of Connexions, one of the most widespread and comprehensive services for at-risk young people in the country and, of course, the scrapping of the vital Education Maintenance Allowance and Adult Learning Grant, which were lifelines for countless students, helping pay for all the essentials that they needed in order to learn.

Work cross liberation and cross zone to support marginalised students and to stop HE in FE students, student parents, vocational learners and Liberation students from falling between the cracks
- Ensure Liberation representation in FE; my goal is to achieve a Liberation team in every Union

"Roshni is a fantastic leader with a lot of knowledge and passion in the student movement. She's got clear ideas on how the NUS should work, and would make an excellent Block member"

**Victoria Kettlewell - President,
Mid Cheshire College**

"Roshni blew me away at FE zone conference and consistently continues to do so. Her knowledge of both academic and welfare issues is astounding and everything she does is grounded in her strong principles."

Pete Mercer - NUS Vice President Welfare

I WILL - Unite the key NUS research on student support with our activists on the ground to mobilise a campaign to reinstate EMA and ALG once and for all. I'll be that link.
- Fight for national services that allow our students to make informed choices - and choices that are right *for them*.

I WILL

LIBERATION AT OUR CORE

As a student that self-defines into all four liberation campaigns, I truly understand the importance of building a movement in which liberation is embedded throughout. When government attacks are hitting the oppressed and vulnerable the hardest, it is unacceptable that liberation is sometimes a mere after-thought. I believe that in order to succeed as a National Union, we must be united, and the only way we can achieve this is through genuine inclusivity.

UNIONS STANDING TOGETHER

I'm sure that you don't need me to tell you what a fight we've got on our hands. Being President of a low resourced Union myself, I fully understand the impacts had by the cuts to enrichment caused by the government's thoughtless and dangerous disregard for this generation's future. Information, Advice and Guidance services - reduced. Union block grants - slashed, or sometimes removed entirely. In some colleges, the most basic student services, providing mental and sexual healthcare, have been the victims, leaving students too busy or too embarrassed to seek help elsewhere. I cannot and will not accept that we can't challenge these attacks on our student lives.

I WILL

- Create and sustain strong local networks to offer support and share best practice regionally, so no officer works alone.
- Never be more than a phone call away from Unions who need an accessible, political first point of contact

If you would like this manifesto in an alternative format please don't hesitate to contact me. And I'm always eager for input so I look forward to hearing your thoughts and feedback!
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