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Fighting cuts, fees and privatisation *Joining the student protests – I supported and helped build for all the demonstrations in 2010. I say no to all cuts, for free education, reinstate EMA now!*

Education a right not a privilege

I'm a principled campaigner for free and decent education. Every person should have the right to education, up to and including postgraduate study. Education should be free for all students, regardless of nationality. There should be grants provided so having time to study isn't reliant on having a family rich enough that you don't have to work or getting into debt. Education should be funded fully by the government and should be publicly owned. I say stop the higher education sell off! Tuition fees, cuts to EMA, the Financial Contingency Fund and the ALG can all be rolled back, but it means organising and fighting back together.

My Record

I'm a final-year PhD student in theoretical physics. Throughout my time as a student at Cardiff University I've been a dedicated campaigner. As the Con-Dems have been wielding their axe on our education, I've been helping to build some of the mass opposition that we've seen in the last two years. I played an important role in building for some of the huge demonstrations of 2010 and 11 and have helped forge links with trade unions and community campaigns for a united fight against austerity.

As a member of the NUS International Students Committee I linked in with NUS Black Students Campaign and led NUS Wales' activist response to an attack on Wales' Libyan students. I helped my students union become more welcoming and safe for students of all ages and backgrounds by widening democratic participation, organising against sexist advertising, and leading the Cardiff University students union contingent into a counter-demonstration against the far-right, racist English Defence League (EDL).

I'm a socialist, a member of Socialist Students and Youth Fight for Jobs. That means I want society in the interests of the 99%. I'm opposed to capitalism, our rotten government, and all the main political parties. They stand for the 1%. I say why should we pay for their crisis?

For a democratic fighting NUS

Students deserve an NUS leadership made up not of those most determined to have successful careers in the Labour party, but those most dedicated for fighting for ordinary students. We need an NUS which will support the struggles of workers and trade unionists against cuts. We need an NUS that will organise mass action, not condemn students who protest. We need a democratic union. We need bigger NUS conferences with more delegates so more



For Every Student - With Zahid Raja protesting against political attacks on international students

ordinary students can attend. Get rid of all external trustees and take back our union! Revive the student union general meeting and get students back involved in really deciding what their union is all about. Next year will see students and young people under attack again. We need to meet these attacks with demonstrations, protests, walk-outs and occupations. Now is the time to fight for our future.



Campaigning against racism with LGBT asylum seeker Shrouk el-Attar

"Edmund is a great international officer and has been a true inspiration of what it is to be an activist in fighting for student's rights! He's got what it takes to be a good member of the NEC."
Pam Gomes Leite, international officer of the year 2011 joint winner BCot SU joint president 2011-12



"A dedicated fighter for social justice and equality". Paul Murphy, Socialist MEP, Ireland.