



VOTE BOB SUTTON FOR BLOCK OF 15

NCAFC

national campaign against fees & cuts

- Fight the Tories' whole privatisation agenda - For publicly owned universities
- The fight continues – For an autumn national demo and a properly-built campaign of militant action – Demand free education and living grants for all
- Students and workers' unite – Support all industrial action for our jobs, services and rights – For a national demo to defend the NHS – Tax the rich + take over the banks
- Confront racism – For mass action to stop the far right – Student unions and universities must refuse to collaborate with immigration controls
- Defend the right to organise and protest – in society, on campus and in our unions

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A RECORD OF STRUGGLE

I am a socialist, a member of the Alliance for Workers' Liberty. I have been a student activist for three years and a revolutionary almost five.

I cut my political teeth in Climate Camp, and was one of the Workers' Climate Action delegation of four that sparked the Vestas wind turbine workers' occupation in 2009. I built solidarity with the 2008 Living Wage strike of mainly migrant cleaners on London Underground, threw myself into protests against Israel's war in Gaza and Sri Lanka's on the Tamils, and helped the SOAS occupation against management collusion with deportations of workers.

When I got to university I helped build an anti-cuts group which in 2010/11 led some of the biggest walk outs anywhere in the country, linking up uni, college and school students across Merseyside. I was elected Guild of Students Vice President, initiating campaigns around fees and cuts, access, halls fees and fares. I helped societies organise LGoS's first Black History Month in memory, linked to a wider fight-back against racism and fascism in the city through the LiverAF campaign.

EDUCATION TO CHANGE THE WORLD

In my subject, engineering, departments are more likely to be researching for oil companies or designing fighter jets than developing renewable energy, clean water supplies or public transport. Students campaigning should go beyond *simply* defending immediate interests, and challenge the wider role our institutions play. We should be fighting for these powerhouses of knowledge to be used for an emergency program to combat global poverty and climate change instead of serving multinational companies.

We need a vision of education that is about arming ourselves with ideas to change the world, instead of dully absorbing information to improve our exploitability. Learning should be free in every sense, organised democratically and not under the control of business, bureaucrats or religious cranks.

INTERNATIONALISM

Capital's attacks are global and so is our struggle. I stand for solidarity with students, workers and oppressed people fighting for their rights everywhere. I support the Palestinians, just as I support the Tamils, Kurds, Sahrawi and other oppressed nations, but I oppose the reactionary and counter-productive tactic of boycotting Israel. I am 100 percent opposed to war and sanctions against Iran, and 100 percent in solidarity with Iranian students, workers, women and LGBT people against Iran's fascistic regime. I think the North African and Middle Eastern uprisings for democracy, most recently in Syria, are an inspiration.