

# Mike Williamson

#1 FOR BLOCK OF 15



"Without a doubt Mike has been one of the stand out officers in Scotland this year. He combines political courage and idealism with a sense of pragmatism that is extremely rare. His knowledge, experience and ideas make him the perfect candidate for NEC."

*Graeme Kirkpatrick, NUS Scotland Depute President and VP Education (elect).*

"Mike is a talented anti cuts activist who knows how to engage and talk to students no matter their political background, which is why he'd be great on NEC!"

*Vicki Baars, NUS LGBT Officer (Women's Place)*

"I never really had a role model until I met Mike Williamson. Whenever I've picked up the phone in a panic he has always had the answer. Mike's experience and knowledge of the education sector, combined with his passion and dedication, make him the perfect asset to NUS."

*Josefine Björkqvist, President of Education and Employability, Aberdeen University SA.*

"Mike will be incredible on Block of 15. His politics are spot on and very well thought-out, but it's his ability to engage students on the ground that's really impressive. He will be a fantastic asset, and we can't afford to not have him on NEC."

*Gordon Maloney, NUS Scotland Vice-President Communities (elect).*

"Mike Williamson as VPAA at EUSA has combined a high level of understanding of the issues facing students with the passion for defending public education that has made him one of the best sabbatical officers in the entire country this year. He would be an asset to the NUS, VOTE FOR HIM!"

*Edd Bauer, VP Education, Birmingham Guild.*

The gauntlet has been thrown down – NUS must take a principled stance to defend the idea of public education. I stand for:

- **Free education**, funded by progressive taxation.
- **College union development** – work in this area could double the size of our movement.
- Tackling the real cause of unequal access to tertiary education: **social inequality**.
- **Employment**, not just employability.
- **Liberation** threaded through everything we do.
- An inclusive system of **postgraduate funding**.

FOR AN INDEPENDENT SCOTTISH LEFT  
VOICE ON NEC, VOTE

**MIKE WILLIAMSON #1 FOR BLOCK OF 15.**

VOTE

Michael Chessum #2

**NCAFC**

national campaign against fees & cuts



#### My Experience:

- Vice President Academic Affairs at Edinburgh Uni Students' Association.
- National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts (NCAFC) member.
- Scottish Students Against Cuts (SSAC) member.
- NUS Scotland Education Core Group member.
- sparqs (Student Participation in Quality Scotland) Steering Group member.
- Scottish Higher Education Enhancement Committee (SHEEC) member.

#### My Record:

- Brought the biggest group of students outside the M25 to #Nov9.
- Won an extra £4 million for student support services over the next 3 years.
- Completely replaced the Personal Tutor system at Edinburgh.
- Educated students about the destruction of public pensions and mobilised them for picket lines on and off campus during the strikes.
- Implemented massive constitutional change at EUSA.
- Mobilised hundreds against the Scottish Defence League in Edinburgh.
- Organised the only demonstration in Scotland against the visit of the sexist and homophobic Pope Benedict XVI.