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NUS is changing – you are reading the manifesto of a student parent, who left school at 15 without a GCSE to his name. I should probably be another unemployment statistic, but the reason I am not is because of the power of education. And it is for that reason that I am standing to be your next Vice President Society and Citizenship.

This zone for me is about capturing the transformative power of education, to build people's confidence to stand up and defy all the elitist expectations of who should and who should not be in education. Defying expectations of what a student union is; proving wrong the dangerous assumptions about students, and showing that our diverse membership care about far more than just tuition fees in HE. We will show that a tidal wave of change is coming – and it's coming from your campus.



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DANNIE GRUFFERTY, NUS VP SOCIETY & CITIZENSHIP

MY POLITICS ARE SHAPED BY MY EXPERIENCES. LIBERATION IS CENTRAL TO MY VALUES AND FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR MOVEMENT. I BELIEVE IN THE UNWAVERING PRINCIPLE OF INTERSECTIONALITY IN LIBERATION CAMPAIGNS AND SEE THE SHARED STRUGGLES OF ALL SELF DEFINING MEMBERS OF THESE CAMPAIGNS AS EVERYONE'S ISSUE.

AS VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT DERBY, I HAVE BEEN A SOLID DEFENDER OF STUDENTS' RIGHT TO A TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND HAVE WORKED, DEMONSTRATING EVERYDAY MY BELIEF THAT ENGAGING WITH EDUCATION IS A POLITICAL ACTION.

Change can come in the form of activism, of campaigns like the living wage campaign, in the form of community organising alongside trade unions, or in 2015 when students will be mobilised to make their mark at the ballot box. Change will not always come quickly, or easily – and that's why I would be honoured to lead this zone to ensure its rightful place at the heart of the fight for the students of today, and of tomorrow.

Society and Citizenship zone has grown over the last two years, but it hasn't gone far enough. This should be a zone that is relevant to any student on any campus, whether you are a BTEC Student at Burton and South Derbyshire College or a training to be a Nurse at Edge Hill University this should be a zone for you and a zone where your fight is NUS's fight too.

Here are just a few ideas to take this zone from good to great; to get to the core of our values as an organisation and empower students to put their values into action, creating a ripple effect to transform lives for students and citizens alike.

I believe it's important to be open and honest about your politics. I am standing as a Labour Student in this election. I joined the Labour Party because I believe in equality and I disagree with them when they get it wrong - like not whipping the vote on equal marriage. Above all, I will always remain accountable to you.

 **Labour Students**

If you want to have a chat about anything in this manifesto, or require it in a different format don't hesitate to call me on 07854402476 or e-mail dom4vpsocit@hotmail.com

SOC & CIT THAT DELIVERS FOR YOUR CAMPUS If elected I will:

- Bring Soc & Cit to your campuses with regular visits and regional workshops to train new leaders and organisers
- Support grassroots campaigning and volunteering activity like the Open Book project at Goldsmiths
- Work with Union officers to bring college or university relevant campaigns to your campuses
- Work with liberation officers on issues of social justice such as exposing the gender pay gap when it comes to poverty wages
- Politicise student volunteering by getting liberation groups into schools to educate the community leaders of tomorrow



A LIVING WAGE FOR A SENSE OF WORTH

Claudia is a domestic cleaner working for Derby City Council and lives on the street where I grew up. She has 3 children and worked a 24 hour week cleaning houses in a council-maintained block of flats. She used to clean a pub every morning from 6am until 8am and do a bar shift again in the evening.

Since our campaign won a living wage for Council employees, she has earned a living wage. She now works a 16 hour week and has started an access course at the University of Derby where she is a campaigner for a living wage on campus. But most importantly for her, she gets to spend time with her children.

Elect me & I will:

- Work with unions to highlight the external contractors that pay poverty wages
- Look into the effect that poverty pay has on young people and their educational attainment
- Lobby for a commission on the long term effects of austerity
- Make NUS more accountable by ensuring that the living wage is part of the tender process with new suppliers

Won funding for the renovation of an urban library and for a youth centre

Fought and won better timetabling and provisions for student parents at Derby

Ran workshops on tertiary education at a youth centre in a low participation neighbourhood

Campaigned for and won a Living wage for Derby City Council employees

Worked on the setting up of a summer school for excluded young people

MY RECORD: WINNING FOR STUDENTS

BUILDING & DEVELOPING LEADERS

Students' Unions should be at the heart of every community. The days where colleges and universities could sit within their towns and cities and ignore the ever growing social issues around them are over. Institutions work for the public good – we in the student movement must hold them to that principle.

Activism shouldn't just be about the how, it should be about the issues that inspire it, motivating students to take action. I want this zone to make activism something that delivers for students locally – not just statistical wins for NUS nationally.

If elected I will:

- Work with student leaders, student religious associations, trade unions and communities to deliver regional training on community organising to empower unions and students to innovate in tactics to engage their students, build partnerships, develop leaders and win locally
- Work with trade unions to secure central funding for students' unions to develop a new strategy for citizenship education to engage the young people of today – and not shut them out

"DOM HAS INVESTED SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT INTO ME AND MY FELLOW STUDENTS AT DERBY. NEXT YEAR WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT HIM BUT WE WANT HIM REPRESENTING US NATIONALLY"
LAUREN HEALY, UNIVERSITY OF DERBY STUDENT

"DOM COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDS THE POWER OF EDUCATION AND WHAT IT CAN DO TO TRANSFORM LIVES. HE IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE BEST PARTS OF NUS AND THAT'S WHY I'M TEAM DOM!" **TABZ O'BRIEN-BUTCHER, UMSU & SOC & CIT COMMITTEE**

"DOM IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE STUDENT OFFICER. HE HAS OVERCOME A LOT TO GET TO WHERE HE IS TODAY AND SO HAS A UNIQUE ABILITY TO ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS ON EVERY LEVEL."

ADI PELTZ, NUS-USI PRESIDENT