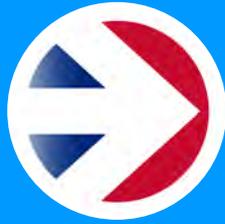


EIMHEAR MACFARLANE

For NUS Block of 15



#StudentsDeserveBetter

Building A Better NUS That Works For Students

I'm running for the Block of 15 for one simple reason: I see an NUS that could be so much better, and I want to see it improve. We need to focus on the things that really matter to students, and remember the core of what our movement was founded on: getting every student a quality education. It's time we served all 7 million of our students. It's time for a better NUS.

EXPERIENCE

- Students Governor (Belfast Met Student Union) 2013-14
- Women's Officer (Belfast Met Student Union) 2012-13
- NUS-USI and NUS Delegate (Belfast Met Student Union)

DEFENDING STUDENT UNIONS

Student Unions remain the central pillar of our National movement. They are a place where you can enjoy yourself; from bars, to sports teams and societies. But they are also an important place that students can turn in their hour of need. We need to defend the importance of Student Unions. All across the United Kingdom, Student Unions are working hard for their students, and I will make sure NUS is working hard for them.

In these tough economic times, our Unions are feeling the pinch. NUS should be doing all it can to help. We need to keep resources as close to students as possible: this is why I will push for affiliation fees to come **DOWN**, keeping money with the Student Unions offering welfare and advocacy services on the front line.

NUS continues to have masses of excellent resources, but they aren't as accessible as they could be. With people across the country engaging in local campaigns and projects, lets open up these resources (like NUSConnect) and help the activists on the ground!

REACHING OUT TO EVERY MEMBER

I want to be a Block member who reaches out, building lasting relationships with Student Unions and their Officers. But not just that - we should be speaking to students on the ground about the issues that really matter to them as well. We cannot serve the membership if we fail to listen to their issues and concerns.

It is my task to bring back those ideas and concepts and fight hard for them on NEC. I will be a block member that champions the voices of our member institutions, and I wont be afraid to stand up for those voices that have been shut out in the past.

Each year, National Conference sets the policy for the year ahead. It is the one chance for the membership to have their say. However little is done to ensure that the views of Conference are followed. I will not shy away from holding our Officers to account, making sure that the conference mandates you pass are actually fulfilled, and that every penny of your affiliation fees are spent wisely.



I'm really excited to be able to support Eimhear. She is a proven champion of Liberation and has had a strong impact in her Student Union, as well as in the wider community of Northern Ireland. With Eimhear on the Block, I know we would gain someone who stands up and supports the previously unheard voices in our movement.
Peter Smallwood, National Executive Council

I'm a Further Education student in Northern Ireland, who wants an NUS that brings students together. I don't want to see an NUS that is riddled by division, forgetting who we are here to serve. We need to remember there's more that unites us than divides us. Let's build a better NUS, because #StudentsDeserveBetter

