

# Re-elect Matt Stanley to the Block of 15



*"For an NUS that fights against all fees & cuts and prioritises the Liberation Campaigns, make sure you vote Matt #1 for the Block!"*

**Vicki Baars**  
NUS Vice President  
Union Development

## Fight all fees and cuts Invest in free education - Bring Back EMA

The Tory-led government continues to unleash a massive assault on our education system, with youth unemployment soaring and austerity driving down the living standards of millions of students and young people. NUS must now place itself at the centre of the fightback.

This year I built #demo2012 nationally and locally, taking a coach of students from my college to protest against the government. I've lobbied all 17 Kent MPs against the introduction of FE fees and loans and co-founded the national campaign to Bring Back EMA.

### Re-elect me and I will -

- Campaign for a first term national demo opposing all fees and cuts alongside FE and HE students' unions, the Liberation Campaigns and anti-cuts groups
- Continue to prioritise the Bring Back EMA campaign and make the case for massive state investment in free education
- Campaign with Trade unions to defend jobs and the public sector – save the NHS
- Fight for a Living Wage, with no youth or apprenticeship exemptions

*"Matt has been a great ally on the NEC this year, championing Palestinian human rights and consistently challenging racism and fascism"*

**Aaron Kiely**  
NUS Black Students'  
Officer

*"Matt's record as an SU President and on the NEC is one of fighting to defend all students - I'm voting him #1, and so should you!"*

**Choi Hy**  
Worcester College of  
Technology President  
FE Zone Committee

## Diversity not discrimination Unite against racism, Islamophobia and fascism

As the cuts bite, the Tories and the right wing media are whipping up racism against Black communities, immigrants and asylum seekers. Our campuses are not immune: from attacks on multiculturalism, scapegoating of International students and even some students "blacking up" on campus. This year has also seen fascists shamefully being given platforms in student media and on our campuses.

Women, LGBT, Black and disabled students are at the sharp end of the Tories' assault on society. In my union we have held successful Black and LGBT History Months, created autonomous Liberation Officers, and arranged a delegation of our students to visit Auschwitz to educate on the dangers of fascism.

### Re-elect me and I will -

- Work with UAF to mobilise thousands of students to use their vote to stop fascists in the 2014 Euro elections – Griffin must go!
- Defend Muslim students targeted by the racist "Prevent" agenda and oppose the increase in Islamophobia on our campuses and communities
- Always defend and implement NUS' No Platform for Fascists policy and fully support the NUS Anti-Racism/Anti-Fascism Conference
- Continue to defend the autonomy of the NUS Liberation Campaigns, and support the creation of Liberation Officers in FE and HE unions, to challenge sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia and disability discrimination

## International peace and justice Hands off Africa and the Middle East - Free Palestine

The government tell us that there is no alternative to spending cuts, yet they can find the money for war and nuclear weapons. The bloody wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more recent interventions in Africa, have cost millions of lives and billions of pounds. Students have a crucial role to play in campaigning for a better world and we should look to the progressive movements in countries like Venezuela, where massive investment in public services and free education has improved the lives of millions.

As a member of the NUS NEC I proposed the unanimously-passed policy that opposed the murderous war on Gaza and demands that the siege is ended, and in my own college we have held a successful Go Green Week and campaigned for the government to change its twisted spending priorities and fund education not war.

### Re-elect me and I will:

- Work with Stop the War to oppose war and military intervention – no to the attempted recolonisation of Africa – hands off Mali!
- Support Palestinian human rights – end the siege on Gaza - freedom for Palestine
- Campaign against climate chaos and for sustainable jobs and investment
- Join with CND in calling for an end to nuclear weapons - scrap Trident!

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## My Experience

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NUS LGBT Committee 2012/3  
National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts National Committee 2012/3  
Actively involved in many progressive campaigns including People & Planet, LMHH, UAF, CND and Stop the War

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