

Vote PIERS



#1 FOR VP SOC & CIT

I'm running for a movement that creates change on our campuses and beyond. I'm standing for Vice President Society and Citizenship to build an active, campaigning NUS that defends students and broader society against the government's attacks on our future.

From the age of 13 I've been engaged in my community and city, seeing where I could make a positive change by working with different local and national organisations, groups and services and members of the community to collectively empowering each other to be at the forefront of the change that we want to see. I've led a huge campaign to stop cuts to my local youth services. I've campaigned nationally to look at the causes and hold the government to account on their promises to end child poverty. I've defended multi-cultural Bradford when the fascists came to town. I've also successfully applied for £800,000 of funding. I want to use the experience I've gained through grass roots activism and from being President at one of the biggest FE Colleges in the country to empower and lead the next generation of student activists to build a movement that can win on tackling the issues that are impacting students, young people and our communities.

"I think Piers would be brilliant as his enthusiasm and drive is unmatched, he will bring a fresh view to the position as an accomplished FE campaigner and I know he will always give 110%!"

Katie Badman
President of Chester
Students' Union

DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITIES AGAINST AUSTERITY

The Tories' austerity agenda is hitting young people and students hard. They are literally cutting away our futures.

From the slashing of EMA to the trebling of tuition fees it is clear that this government wants to slam the doors to education shut in the faces of the poorest young people. We need a student movement that smashes the doors open.

In Bradford the council is trying to slash our youth service by 80%. I have led a massive, vibrant and creative campaign – involving 1000s of



Bradford residents to save a service that has helped me and countless others.

I want to empower, encourage and

provide the resources and support for students everywhere to engage and work in our communities to build similar campaigns to defend our education and public services under attack.

Elect me to:

■ Work with trade unions, the People's Assembly Against Austerity movement, NUS Liberation Campaigns and anyone that stands for a better future to build the broadest possible national movement against cuts.

■ Work to highlight the massive increase in the cost of living and help students fight for the living wage in their institutions and places of work.

IF YOU REQUIRE THIS MANIFESTO IN ALTERNATIVE FORMATS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH:

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UNITING AND FIGHTING AGAINST RACISM

During my time as President and a member of the NUS Black Students' Committee I have helped to build a national movement to resist rising racism.

When the fascist English Defence League came to Bradford to divide our multicultural city I mobilised and engaged students to work with community organisations, faith groups and local residents to say no to hate.

I stand for:

- Building a movement against racism, Islamophobia and fascism
- Working with Unite Against Fascism, Hope Not Hate and Searchlight launch a major student voter registration drive – because when students vote fascists lose
- An end to racist stop and search and the Islamophobic Prevent agenda on campuses
- Raising awareness and campaigning against racist scapegoating

“Piers has lead an inspiring campaign to save the youth service in Bradford— he will be a VP Soc and Cit that can carry this forward nationally.”

**Aaron Kiely,
NUS Black Students' Officer**

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ACTIVISTS

NUS is only as strong as its members. We need to develop strong campaigners on every campus with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. As an activist I've organised and chaired MP debates, lobbied politicians, organised protests, creative stunts, worked with trade unions, campaigning charities like Save the Children, produced videos and campaigning material, organised massive petitions and much more! Activists across the country need to be trained on how to achieve the changes they want to see, and how to bring others along for the journey.

I will:

- Work with secondary, FE and HE students to work together to produce a model for real citizenship and political education and then campaign for it to be on national curriculum

- Organise regional activist network meetings and workshops to share ideas on building campaigns on campus, in our city and nationally.

- Hold workshops on practical skills every activist needs, then empower students work alongside young people and community organisations to pass on what they have learnt and campaign on issues together.



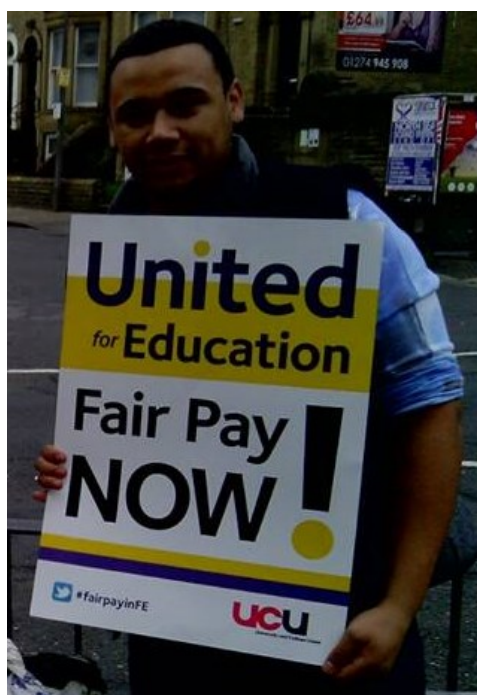
FOR AN ECONOMY AND SOCIETY THAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Climate change is the greatest threat facing humanity. Floods, droughts and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent as the planet warms up. Being involved in the movement has made me realise how important the environment is. I want to take students on the same journey that I went on. NUS needs to continue greening our student movement and do more to put pressure on our government to reduce carbon emissions by investing in renewables and green technology.

I stand for an NUS that supports Palestinian human rights and calls for peace not war.

MY EXPERIENCE:

- President of Bradford College Students' Union 2012-14
- NUS Further Education Committee
- NUS Black Students' Committee
- Society and citizenship committee
- Winner of NUS FE Union of 2013



MY RECORD:

- Saved Bradford's free city bus and school uniform subsidies
- Led and run a 3 year project to tackle child poverty funded by National Lottery
- Won Bradford Young Citizen Award 3 years in a row
- At the forefront of the fight against FE FEES
- Campaigned to make Bradford college adopt living wage and go fair trade.

DEFENDING THE RIGHT TO RESIST AND PROTEST

As Vice President Society and Citizenship I would defend the right to protest and use NUS resources to help victimised students.

Not all colleges have a great relationship with the police. I will investigate NUS creating a fighting fund to support students who find themselves victimised following legitimate protest.