

VOTE SKY

#1 FOR VICE PRESIDENT
SOCIETY & CITIZENSHIP

About me:

I began my journey in the student movement as a society president, more interested in drinking and dancing than making a difference. In that time I've watched students mobilise in their 10,000s, been let down by politics again and again, and now they feel disengaged and lost with the system. It's time we took back power, by investing and training activists across the UK who will fight for a better society in the General Election & beyond



Sky is a brilliant activist, who sees barriers to engagement and tears them down. Their creativity & energy is extraordinary. I am so proud to support them"
Kelley Temple, NUS Women's Officer



Sky has been a constant source of support during my time as President of KeeleSU. Not only have they taken the time to come up to campus, Sky has also listened to my concerns on an individual level and helped us to get involved with national campaigns. I can't imagine a better candidate for soc and cit and I'm absolutely thrilled to be support Sky in their campaign.
Victoria Taylor, President, KeeleSU

- ### My Achievements:
- CREATED 2 FULL TIME LGBT OFFICERS
 - PUT TRANS STUDENTS AT THE HEART OF NUS
 - ORGANISED 2 LIBERATION ACTIVIST TRAINING DAYS
 - CO-CREATED ANTI-RACISM ANTI-FASCISM CONFERENCE
 - REDUCED COST OF LGBT CONFERENCE
 - CAMPAIGNED TO SAVE THE ARCTIC 30
 - MOBILISED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS TO MARCH, FOR PRIDE, AGAINST CUTS, TO SAVE THE NHS.

RECORD

Run workshops at HE & FE unions across the UK creating & developing:
GRASSROOTS ACTIVISTS
Organised SportsGay with AmnestyUK which was attended by:
OVER 200 STUDENTS
Engaged students across the UK with Equal Marriage by sending David Cameron:
4000 CHRISTMAS CARDS

From the moment I met Sky in 2009 their passion and enthusiasm was infectious. I've watched them be elected to LGBT Committee and to LGBT Officer. They've always remained approachable and welcoming even if you're brand new or a seasoned activist. I would want Sky to be the person inspiring & leading the next set of activists!

Kelly McBride, President, Sussex SU.



Building grassroots activism

This is an area which liberation campaigns lead the way in. They engage students to build campaigns on a local level, to create change on a national level all while sharing ideas and methods. NUS' role in building activists is not to create a national model of campaigning, but to give a national narrative which SUs can use in their own ideas.

We should continue the work of building campaigning communities in cities across the UK and embed them for the General Election & beyond 2015.

I will:

- Use my knowledge from being a Liberation officer to empower students to make change in their campuses.
- Encourage creative campaigning methods, making actions inspiring and fun
- Embed activist training within NUS' events helping you develop your volunteers!

Voting for change

The chasm between students & politicians is only going to grow if we don't act. We need to show how vital a vote is and how in the year ahead of the general election we will be going through local & european elections as well as the scottish referendum, we need to be mobilising the student vote against the far right who will be using it as an opportunity to mobilise.

I am an independent candidate which means while fighting for the best for students I won't allow political bias to hold me back.

I will:

- Work with the FE Team to call on the department of education for a comprehensive review of citizenship education
- Co-ordinate a national student Anti-Racism Anti Facism mobilisation group
- To work with Bite the Ballot to develop resources to support Student Unions to get as many students registered to vote as possible.

It is time for action on climate change

The student green fund is a brilliant start in sustainability on our campuses, but we need to go a step further.

We need to embed green policies in everything we do if we want a chance at a better future and world for the next generation.

Voting for me is a vote for an active attempt at stopping climate change.



Students in Trade unions

We are watching a coalition which is systematically attacking workers rights. With the increase in Tuition Fees & Scrapping of EMA, students are more likely to be in work while studying, and according to research 36% of trade union members in 2012 were over the age of 50. We need a national drive to encourage students to join their trade unions, and to get involved.

I WILL:

- Create a free online resource which allows students to find out more informaton about Trade Unions & to join the one that focuses on their line of work or study.
- Hold a national summit with Trade Unions about how to increase the activity and involvement of students & young people in their Trade Unions.