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“AMY HAS BEEN GREAT ON THE NEC THIS YEAR. SHE’S GOT A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES CURRENTLY FACING FE STUDENTS AND I CAN’T WAIT TO VOTE FOR HER AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE” - TONI PEARCE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MY RECORD

- SECURED A SABBATICAL OFFICER POST FOR MY UNION NEXT YEAR
- LOBBIED THE COLLEGE TO SIGN THE ‘TIME TO CHANGE’ PLEDGE
- HELD THE FIRST EVER CROSS CAMPUS COURSE REP TRAINING CONFERENCE

I’M STANDING BECAUSE I WAS LET DOWN BY MY SIXTH FORM, AND WRITTEN OFF BY MY TEACHERS. FE GAVE ME THE SECOND CHANCE I NEEDED TO TURN MY LIFE AROUND. I’M NOT A SPECIAL CASE, ALL TOO OFTEN PEOPLE ARE LEFT IN THE DARK ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS, FORCED TO FIX THE PROBLEM LATER RATHER THAN GETTING THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE IN THE FIRST PLACE. COLLEGES AND STUDENTS ARE UNDER ATTACK FROM THIS GOVERNMENT AND NUS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, ENSURING THAT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM STOPS LETTING STUDENTS DOWN.

ELECT ME TO THE BLOCK OF 15 AND I’LL MAKE SURE FE IS AT THE HEART OF OUR GENERAL ELECTION STRATEGY IN 2015.

SUPPORTED STUDENTS

FE SHOULD BE A GATEWAY TO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE, IT’S TIME TO FIGHT THE ONE SIZE FITS ALL STANCE OF THIS GOVERNMENT, MAKING IT HARDER FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED OR OLDER FE STUDENTS TO ENTER INTO FURTHER EDUCATION.

IT IS UNACCEPTABLE THAT STUDENTS WORRY ABOUT COURSES CLOSING HALF WAY THROUGH THEIR YEAR, OR THAT STAFF IN OUR INSTITUTIONS ARE TAKING HOME POVERTY PAY.

I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

- A DEDICATED INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE SERVICE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
- FAIR PAY FOR FE, INCLUDING LIVING WAGE FOR APPRENTICES AND STAFF
- IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH CARE, DISABLED STUDENTS SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES TO BE INTRODUCED INTO FE
- A NEW, BETTER EMA THAT ACTUALLY SUPPORTS PEOPLE TO SUCCEED IN FE

A UNITED MOVEMENT

OUR MOVEMENT AND OUR STUDENTS’ UNIONS ARE STRONGER WHEN WE WORK AND CAMPAIGN TOGETHER AS A COLLECTIVE.

THE HE CENTRIC NATURE OF NUS IS SLOWLY DIMINISHING, BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE FE STOPS BEING SEEN AS THE JUNIOR PARTNER, OR AN AFTER THOUGHT AT THE NEC.

I WANT TO WORK TO ENSURE FE STUDENTS’ UNIONS ARE INTEGRAL IN EVERY ZONE.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

- CREATE CITY WIDE STUDENTS’ UNION LINKS, GIVING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAMPAIGN TOGETHER
- ENSURE FE AND HE UNIONS GET THEIR OWN GENERAL ELECTION STRATEGIES
- ALWAYS MAKE SURE WE ARE NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOCUSED ON STUDENTS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND

KEEPING FE FREE

THIS GOVERNMENT IS SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYING FURTHER EDUCATION WITH A CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR THE DIFFERENCE FE MAKES FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES.

STUDENTS DESERVE A QUALITY FURTHER EDUCATION, NOT UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS, HIDDEN COURSE COSTS AND THEIR CURRICULUMS BEING DISMANTLED.

THIS GOVERNMENT HAS REMOVED ACCESS TO FURTHER EDUCATION BY SCRAPPING EMA AND NOW WANTS TO OVERHAUL OUR ASSESSMENTS TO REMOVE SECOND CHANCES FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.

ELECT ME FOR AN NUS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT FOR A BETTER FE

- NO FEES AND LOANS FOR 24+ LEARNERS
- APPRENTICESHIPS MUST BE FULLY FREE — NO ONE SHOULD PAY TO EARN.
- AN END TO HIDDEN COURSE COSTS

I’M STANDING IN THIS ELECTION AS A PROUD LABOUR STUDENT. I JOINED THE LABOUR PARTY TO CAMPAIGN FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I WILL ALWAYS PUT STUDENTS FIRST AND I’M NOT AFRAID TO STAND UP TO THE PARTY ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS.

Labour Students