

Vote Socialist Worker Student Society...

TOMAS EVANS

#1 for Block of 15

The fight that we can win

We cannot wait until the next General Election to defend education and the welfare state – by 2015, the damage will already be done.

The Tories are making students and workers pay for a crisis that we did not create for the rich's benefit. Whilst education, health and welfare are slashed, corporations continue to avoid billions in tax and benefit from exploitative workfare schemes.

The Tories' neoliberal assault on education has moved on significantly since they trebled fees and cut EMA; we are now faced with the wholesale privatisation of UCLan, LMU and Welsh FE – this is but the thin end of the wedge.

Now is the time to fight for free, fully funded education – an education for liberation that is accessible to all.

The ideological attack on education is part of the wider austerity agenda; to win, we have to link the fightback to the wider struggle against austerity – in Britain and internationally.

International solidarity

From Quebec to Egypt, students are fighting back as part of mass movements – our Union should be at the forefront of building links and solidarity with these struggles.

Crucially, we must continue the campaign for Palestinian liberation on our campuses and within NUS.

No to fascism, racism and Islamophobia

Fascism and racism are a real threat; the fascists are down, but not out. Our Union must be central to mobilising students when fascists are set to march through our streets.

'No Platform to Fascism' is under attack; this year Cambridge Union invited Europe's biggest Nazi, Marine Le Pen, to speak. Leeds and Cardiff student newspapers published interviews with Nick Griffin, leader of the BNP. In Cardiff, I was at the forefront of building



a united front on campus, linked to the wider anti-fascist movement.

I will support SUs and students to mobilise in support of No Platform on our campuses – we cannot allow fascism to have a platform.

The UKBA's racist attack on LMU international students was a direct result of neoliberalism and racist immigration policy – our Union must be at the forefront of fighting against the Tories' racism and bigotry.

Liberation should be at the heart of union – I will support campaigns for the liberation of Black, Women, LGBT and disabled people on and off campus

For a democratic, campaigning NUS

The NUS must not be remote – we need a Union that empowers its members in fighting by meaningfully supporting strikes, demonstrations and direct actions like the occupation against privatisation at Sussex University.

Lobbies from above have failed to achieve anything; we need to mobilise students from below for campaigns in defence of the NHS, against welfare cuts, as well as education. Our Union must throw its democratic weight into building a mass movement against austerity.

We cannot wait until 2015 – when we fight, we can win!

Why we're supporting Tomas

Tomas brought students and workers together on the picket lines to defend education, making the slogan of 'students and workers unite' a reality in practice. His drive to build links between the NUS and other trade unions is desperately needed. Vote Tomas #1 for VP Higher Education.

Kate Hurford
Goldsmiths SU

We need activists who challenge the Tory's austerity in our colleges, our streets and in our national union. Tomas has fought against the cuts both in education and elsewhere - alongside the workers facing pay, job and pension cuts. We need a voice that poses alternatives to the cuts and privatisation of this government - Tomas is that voice.

Jonathan Giles
University of Glamorgan

It is essential that anti-racist and anti-fascist politics are at the heart of our NUS. Tomas has regularly mobilised against the fascist English Defence League, and has organised Love Music Hate Racism gigs in Cardiff to celebrate multiculturalism. Elect Tomas for a union that campaigns for liberation.

Jamie Woodcock
NUS NEC

Build a mass movement against austerity – Vote SWSS

- Tomas Evans #1 for Vice-President Higher Education
- Shereen Prasad #1 for Society and Citizenship