

Students' welfare is under attack because students are under attack. We need a political welfare campaign which tackles the big issues facing students, like fees, debt, low-paid and casual work, and housing. We need to mobilise students in defence of the welfare state, benefits and the health service. We need to stop just talking the talk and start a major drive to fight oppression and make our movement responsive and accessible to the majority of our membership – women, black, FE, mature, carer and working-class students.

# Rosie Huzzard



for Vice-President Welfare

## My Record

I'm a student at Sheffield College, a socialist, feminist and labour movement activist. I was an undergraduate at Birmingham University, and now work in the Department of Work and Pensions, where I'm chair of my PCS union branch and have been involved in many strikes, disputes and struggles, as well as being active in our Young Members' Network and as a Union Learning Rep. I am also a support worker in a women's domestic abuse service. I am a member of the national committee of the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts and the socialist organisation Workers' Liberty.

## A welfare campaign that organises and defends students:

- A fight to end student debt – campaign for living grants and comprehensive support for all students, in HE and FE.
- Opposition to all cuts, and a national campaign against cuts to support and fund advice services, creches, counselling and other welfare provision.
- A national campaign to win decent, affordable housing for all students including rent control and approved landlord schemes. We need to fight for enough affordable university accommodation for all – private student halls are pricing working-class students out of the market and into sub-standard accommodation.
- A national campaign to organise students who work; fight poverty pay and for a living wage for all workers – at least two third median male earnings (£9) an hour without exemptions. 'Rights at work' should mean a fight, not just an information campaign.
- A push to mobilise students in defence of the welfare state and the NHS. NUS has been embarrassingly silent in the movement to defend our health service. Seek to build a national campaigning network linking us to student medical workers and the medical trade unions and associations.
- Opposition to the attack on benefits and a campaign for the right for students to claim them – we should not have to scrape by during holidays on low-paid work. FE students should be able to claim benefits while studying, even if they study over 16 hours a week, and without the requirement to look for work at the same time.

Rosie is an excellent activist; extremely capable, with a strong background and politics. Rosie has the knowledge and the skills to be a strong and capable VP Welfare- which is why she's got my vote.

Roshni Joshi, NUS NEC, South Downs College

# Fighting for Liberation:

■ A feminist welfare campaign. It is time we kicked rape apology, rape jokes and rape off our campuses – together with all violence against women. My experience as a counsellor with rape crisis and women's sector worker can help us do this. We need a high profile campaign, with support for initiatives like SlutWalk. I want a campaign that fights for sexual liberation while also targeting sexist advertising, club nights etc. Fight to defend and extend abortion rights and for a free creche on every campus. Build the campaign for a sabbatical women's officer in every SU. Help student parents and carers get organised and campaigning.

■ A militantly anti-racist, anti-fascist welfare campaign. I have faced up to the BNP and EDL on demonstrations across the country: Codnor, Leeds, Bradford, Rotherham. No platform for fascists and mass mobilisation to enforce it. We need to get thousands of students on the streets against the far right, and campaigning against the social decay which feeds them.

■ A welfare campaign committed to LGBT liberation including trans liberation. We need to stand with our transgendered sisters and brothers against the reactionary backlash, including when it dresses itself up as feminist.

■ An organised campaign against the anti-migrant bigotry sweeping society: defend international students, defend ESOL, end detention and deportations, support migrant workers – open borders and equal rights for all. I have developed a local ESOL project with migrant cleaners in my workplace, and provided mentoring support through the Northern Refugee Service – this is something I am seriously committed to.

■ A student movement made accessible to women, black, part-time, mature, carer and working-class students – most of our members are not 18-21 years old undergraduates at posh universities.

■ A fight to put the student movement's house in order – zero tolerance for "left-wing" hostility to liberation, from rape apology to anti-semitism to apologising for misogynist, anti-working class reactionaries.

## Get in touch

If you want to support my campaign, have any questions or want this manifesto in alternative formats, get in touch. Email [rosiescomputer@yahoo.com](mailto:rosiescomputer@yahoo.com), ring 07810 632 653 or visit [rosieforwelfare.com](http://rosieforwelfare.com)

I am proudly standing as a candidate of the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts - the united national campaign of the student left. Find out more at [anticuts.com/elections](http://anticuts.com/elections)

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