

POPPY WILKINSON

#1 BLOCK OF 15



"Poppy's passion for change and her determination to bring students and unions across the UK together is why I adore her on HE Zone Committee and why I will be voting her #1"

Laura Jackson - VP Education York St John SU

- President Birmingham Guild
- HE Zone Committee Member
- Increased support for international students at my uni
- Reduced hidden course costs for my students
- Extended the library opening hours
- Provided more water fountains on campus

Making the General Election POP

This government lied to students to get elected, it is wrapping students' unions and NUS in gagging legislation and is making it even harder for students to have their voices heard in elections.

2015 is our chance to set the national agenda, to put education back into the public narrative and to make sure we can win an education that delivers for all.

But our general election strategy can't be a top down London focussed campaign. We have to make sure we are supporting unions to make an impact locally.

I will:

- Support students' unions in voter registration drives
- Ensure NUS' focus is on bringing our communities with us to the ballot box, using community organising to work in partnership with those around us
- Demand that we don't just focus on empowering students at the ballot box in the general election, we have to win for students in local elections

Making our movement POP

If we are going to harness the real power in our movement we need campaigns that work for students and not just students' unions officers.

When I was elected President at Birmingham Guild, I thought NUS was just a discount card. Far too many students see NUS as an out of touch organisation or don't know how to get involved. I want to expand NUS' engagement with students and support sabbatical officers to empower the activists on their campus to get involved.

The work from NUS on women in leadership this year has been inspiring for me and so many other women officers. But more needs to be done to support the liberation campaigns and promote their work in our students' unions.

I will:

- Ensure sabbatical officers feel confident in empowering students to get involved in NUS campaigns
- Tackle the closed shop nature of NUS, getting in touch with you before and after NEC meetings to let you know what's happening
- Promote the work of liberation campaigns to unions, with clear ways to get involved

Making education POP

We know we deserve and can win on a new vision for education, we know that we can't just let the government sell off our loans and our futures.

From de-regulation of the sector, the increase of for-profit private providers and the way international students are being scapegoated by the government, the stakes have never been higher for the future of education.

NUS has to be at the forefront of the fight for a fair and funded education system that leaves no student behind. Because if we don't fight for it no one else will.

I will:

- Support the HE Zone to make sure we fight for a new vision of education in 2015. One that is shaped with the nations, sections and liberation campaigns in mind
- Campaign tirelessly against this government's policies that are leading to the most disenfranchised in our society being cut out of education
- Support unions locally to win at their institutions, working with student unions' to develop campaign plans tailored to them and their circumstances

Labour Students

I'm standing in this election as a Labour Student. I am proud that students across the country that share my values of equality and social justice voting for me to run in this election however I will always stand up against my party and will put the interests of students first

If you require this manifesto in an alternative format or have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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