



# RE-ELECT ALI MILANI

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THE STORY SO FAR

National Conference  
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there  
is only  
the national  
union of  
students



IN APRIL, I STOOD ON STAGE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND PRESENTED A VISION OF A UNION DEVELOPMENT RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM YEARS GONE BY. I SPOKE OF A NEED TO BRING OUR MOVEMENT TOGETHER, TO DEVELOP ACTIVISTS LOCALLY AND TO CONNECT OUR NATIONAL UNION WITH STUDENTS AT THE GRASSROOTS. SEVERAL MONTHS INTO OUR JOURNEY, WE ARE ON AN INCREDIBLE PATH TO BUILD SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL.

I AM STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ABANDON OUR VISION. WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. AS THE GOVERNMENT HANGS BY A THREAD, STUDENTS AND STUDENTS' UNIONS RISE AGAINST EXTORTIONATE VICE CHANCELLOR'S PAY AND SOCIETY SEEMS ON THE EDGE OF A NEW AGE; WE AS A MOVEMENT MUST DECIDE IF WE ARE GOING TO BE A PART OF BUILDING THE FUTURE.

MY LIFE WAS CHANGED BY MY STUDENTS' UNION. FROM THE SOCIETY I JOINED TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER WORLD TO THE SPORTS CLUB THAT BECAME FAMILY, IT WAS THE STUDENT MOVEMENT THAT GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE AND PASSION TO BECOME AN NUS VICE PRESIDENT. BUT I AM NOT UNIQUE, THERE ARE MILLIONS OTHERS, ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES, IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND IN SCHOOLS. IF WE BUILD A NATIONAL UNION THAT BELIEVES THAT IS WHERE OUR POWER LIES - IN CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH NUS - WE WILL BECOME AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE.



## 2016/17 ACHIEVEMENTS

LAUNCHED FIRST EVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT SURVEY IN HE, GIVING US VALUABLE DATA TO CREATE SOLUTIONS.



LAUNCHED THE ETHICS BOARD, A STUDENT-LED GROUP THAT ENSURES THE NUS IS STAYING TRUE TO ITS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE & SOLIDARITY.



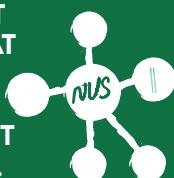
DEVELOPED NATIONAL TOOLKIT FOR FREE SPORTS TO ENABLE STUDENTS UNIONS TO CAMPAIGN FOR FREE SPORTS ON THEIR CAMPUS.



GROWING OUR FE FAMILY. SEVEN NEW COLLEGES AFFILIATED TO THE NUS



CREATED & LAUNCHED THE LEARNING ACADEMY, A HUB OF NUS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATERIAL THAT INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH & FIRST AID TRAINING.



SET UP THE NUS ACTIVITIES FUND, GIVING POWER TO THE MEMBERSHIP TO START UP THEIR OWN LOCAL ACTIVITIES & CAMPAIGNS.

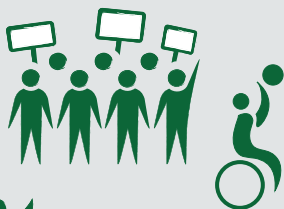
LAUNCHED INTERNATIONALISATION TOOLKITS FOR STUDENTS UNIONS (ALONG WITH THE ISO), EMPOWERING INTER-NATIONAL STUDENTS.



HELPED LAUNCH THE STOP FUNDING HATE CAMPAIGN, WHICH SEEKS TO UNDERCUT FUNDING FOR NEWS OUTLETS THAT PROFIT OFF HATE.



# CONNECTING STUDENTS TO THE NUS



*societies*



## SAVING NUS EXTRA

FOR YEARS WE HAVE HEARD SUCCESSIVE NUS OFFICERS SAY WE NEED TO BRING THE NUS EXTRA CARD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN WORK ON MAKING THIS A REALITY. ELECT ME AND I WILL ENSURE WE HAVE A FUNCTIONAL, INNOVATIVE ONLINE PLATFORM THAT WILL TRANSFORM NUS EXTRA BY THIS SUMMER! WE CAN CREATE A PLATFORM THAT IS NOT ONLY A DISCOUNT CARD, BUT A PASSPORT TO STUDENT LIFE. AN OFFER THAT IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

## IT'S CALLED A STUDENTS UNION FOR A REASON

MY TIME VISITING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS' UNIONS HAS UNEARTHED AN ISSUE WE HAVE IGNORED FOR FAR TOO LONG.

FOR SO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS' UNION SABBATICAL OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE TEAMS, MANAGING AND WORKING WITH FULL TIME STAFF CAN BE A CHALLENGE. ELECT ME AND I WILL DEVELOP A SPECIFIC TRAINING CONFERENCE TO TRAIN OUR SU REPRESENTATIVES ON WORKING WITH SENIOR MANAGERS, STAFF AND HR.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN FE SURVEY

ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING FE UNIONS AND ACTIVISTS IS ABOUT MORE THAN CHANGING NUS SPACES ALONE. THIS YEAR I HAVE WORKED WITH THE WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN TO DEVELOP THE FIRST EVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED WITHIN FURTHER EDUCATION. ELECT ME AND WE CAN FINISH THIS INCREDIBLY VITAL WORK AND ENSURE WE CAN FINALLY BEGIN TO TACKLE CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

## STUDENTS AT THE HEART OF NUS

FROM THE ACTIVITIES FUND TO PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS TOOLKIT, FROM RAG CONFERENCE TO STUDENT MEDIA SUMMIT; THIS YEAR WE HAVE TRULY PUT THE WORK OF STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HEART OF NUS. THE TRUTH IS MOST OF US GET HERE THROUGH ACTIVIST GROUPS, SOCIETIES, SPORTS CLUBS, STUDENT MEDIA OR VOLUNTEERING. BUT THIS HAS BEEN SCOFFED AT FOR FAR TOO LONG IN THE STUDENT MOVEMENT. I WILL CONTINUE OUR WORK OF PUTTING STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES FRONT AND CENTRE BY CONTINUING THE AMAZINGLY SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES FUND, AND REVIEWING OUR SUMMER CONFERENCE PROGRAM TO ENSURE IT INCLUDES ALL OUR STUDENT OPPS WORK.



## THE UNION IS THE STUDENTS

THIS IS A DEFINING MOMENT. FOR EDUCATION, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR SOCIETY. OUR MOVEMENT NEEDS TO FIND ITS PLACE IN THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY. WILL WE BUILD A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT THAT IS READY TO FIGHT ON THE DEFINING QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME?

WE WILL BUILD A UNION DEVELOPMENT ZONE THAT COMMITS TO CONNECTING AND ACTIVATING OUR MOST POWERFUL RESOURCE - 7 MILLION MEMBERS. THROUGH CONTINUING THE ACTIVITIES FUND, REGIONALISING OUR ORGANISATION, CONNECTING FE & HE UNIONS, OPENING UP OUR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTIVISTS; WE WILL HAVE A MOVEMENT READY TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME.

"ALI MILANI HAS BEEN A GREAT VP UD AND HIS WORK REGARDING SPORT AND BARRIERS FACED BY STUDENTS IS FANTASTIC. I KNOW HE HAS GREAT THINGS PLANNED AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT HE COULD BRING TO THE ROLE IF RE-ELECTED."

- SIMON NOBLE, PRESIDENT, NORTHUMBRIA STUDENTS UNION



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