

ANA FOR VICE PRESIDENT HIGHER EDUCATION

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LAST YEAR, MILLIONS OF STUDENTS MOBILISED TO VOTE FOR FREE EDUCATION

just as the NUS fell silent on the subject. The vision of a debt-free future, one which values education before all else as a public good, was suddenly no longer a fantasy but within our grasp. Never has there been more urgency for our national union to not only proudly campaign for a free, accessible, liberated education - but ready with the ideas and will to shape it into being.

FREE EDUCATION (SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!)

To be forced to graduate with a lifetime of debt is an attack on the right of everyone to education. But it's more than that: tuition fees are at the heart of a system that puts profit before people, with overpaid managers starving our student support services of resources and treating students like cash cows. But this could be about to change, and we in the NUS need to be ready to shape and build the future of HE - with our vision of a democratic, accessible, liberated education for all.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

- Organise a landmark conference of students and education workers to develop our vision for a cradle-to-grave National Education Service, inviting MPs and sector representatives.
- Support SUs in running NSS boycott campaigns and fighting job cuts and course closures on their campuses.
- Campaign not just against fee increases but also against the government's plans to introduce differential fees and increase competition between institutions.

I'm a Polish international student, postgraduate, former sabbatical officer and current representative of the International Students' Campaign on NUS NEC. I'm also a socialist feminist, a proud Labour Party activist and for years I have been an active campaigner against tuition fees and campus cuts, and for workers' and migrants' rights.

MY RECORD

- * NUS NEC member (2016-18)
- * Campaigns Officer at UAL Students' Union (2015-17)
- * Co-founder of the Labour Campaign for Free Movement
- * Organised student delegations to Yarl's Wood
- * Involved in LSE Justice for Cleaners and UoL Justice for Workers
- * Led a successful campaign to save 8 research jobs
- * Successfully campaigned to freeze fees for continuing students at UAL
- * Won bigger and more accessible scholarships for international students, including asylum seekers, at UAL
- * Wrote the NSS Boycott motion to NUS Conference 2016
- * Was a leading organiser in the 2015 UAL occupation against cuts to Foundation courses

“ I'm supporting Ana because NUS needs to be more than just a talking shop, it needs to be a movement that transforms education and society. Ana has the drive, passion and politics to make sure that the student movement is built for the grassroots and not for the boardrooms. Vote #Ana4VPHE ”

JESS BRADLEY,
NUS TRANS STUDENT OFFICER



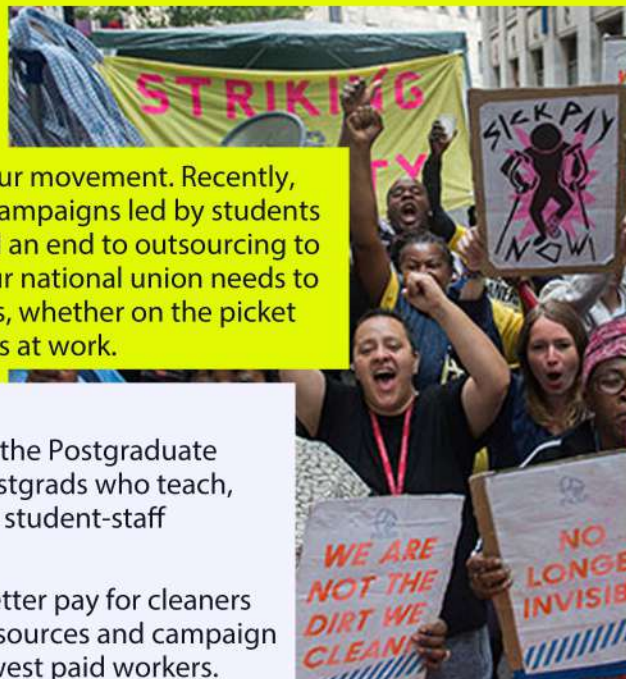
STUDENT-STAFF SOLIDARITY (MORE THAN A BUZZWORD)

We have no more important or natural ally than in the labour movement. Recently, on campuses across the country, we have seen incredible campaigns led by students and staff - from cleaners campaigning for a living wage and an end to outsourcing to postgraduate teaching assistants mobilising for fair pay. Our national union needs to be standing side-by-side with those leading these struggles, whether on the picket line or organising students to win better pay and conditions at work.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Join up with the UCU to combat casualisation, work with the Postgraduate Students' section on a major campaign for fair pay for postgrads who teach, and create resources for students' unions to run effective student-staff solidarity campaigns on campus

Fight pay inequality - supporting students' unions win better pay for cleaners and in-house contracts, redistributing our universities' resources and campaign nationally for a 5:1 pay ratio between the highest and lowest paid workers.



FREEDOM TO MOVE FREEDOM TO STAY

Brexit is a threat to the hundreds of thousands of EU nationals currently studying and working at our universities, and the government is attacking international students and enforcing draconian visa regulations. We should celebrate the diversity international students bring to our campuses, but it's not enough: we urgently need to put our full strength into defending the right of us all to live, study and travel without restrictions.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Lend NUS' weight, energy and resources to groups campaigning to defend free movement and migrants' rights in Brexit negotiations.

Work with the International Students' section on restoring the post-study work visa, campaigns around access to education for asylum seekers and resisting deportations.

FIGHTING FOR LIBERATION

We cannot defeat oppression sitting in the boardroom: a liberated education is not something that we can trust the government and university managers to deliver. I will work closely with all five liberation campaigns - which currently find themselves sidelined in NUS - to win a curriculum that's diverse and liberatory, and democratic institutions where marginalised voices are heard.

ELECT ME AND I WILL:

Support campaigns to tackle the oppressive racist heritages of our universities, empowering students to challenge what and how they're taught.

Launch a nationwide drive to put control of curricula into the hands of students, academics and communities. Only by democratising education can we liberate it. I will equip you with the tools to transform your education, from reading lists to research, from the lab to the library.

“ With Higher Education in crisis, we need more than a ‘seat at the table’, we need a strong grassroots movement to resist cuts, marketisation and privatisation in our education. Not only would Ana take this approach, she’s the right person to lead such a movement: she was instrumental in calling the national NSS boycott, and has led successful campaigns resisting fees and cuts ”

STUART MCMILLAN,
SHEFFIELD EDUCATION OFFICER