

Re-elect

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So, here we are again. When you elected me as your Vice President Further Education, I made a promise to get the FE and college Voice loud and proud, both in NUS and across the sector. That is exactly what I have been doing since.

From leading on a new **Learner Voice Framework** to develop your Unions and your ability to make change on your campus, to tackling the cost of travel with the **#MyFEjourney** campaign, to **working with SEND Learners** to look into ways we as NUS can make our events and workings more accessible to them. On your campuses, in your communities, working for you. That is the VP FE I have been, that is the VP FE I will continue to be.

Here are the next steps on our journey. As your VP Further Education, this is what I will do.

In the last year Emily has shown a resilience to ignorance. She has made the 65% of NUS's membership she represents, all of FE, proud. She has given us a voice that was once snuffed out.


- Matty Winship - LGBTQ Officer, Leeds City College

Love, Emily xx 



Fees & Funding

I could talk until I'm blue in the face about the inadequacy of FE funding. Education should be accessible for all, no one should be locked out because they can't afford their fees, or that bus ticket to college. *Re-elect me and I will:*

- Continue to fight for all forms of Further Education to be Free and Accessible.
- Continue my work on reducing travel costs with **#MyFEjourney** 
- Lobby for **FE Maintenance Grants** to be introduced, and ensure FE is remembered when we talk of loans and fees.
- Continue to lobby for an improved version of Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for FE Learners.
- I will launch a Priority Campaign around college funding UK wide. I will hold round tables in every region and nation on what 'fairer funding' actually looks like for students and Students' Unions, and what we need to do to get it.



Apprentices



I have been proud to support the work of the NSoA during my term in office. The National Society of Apprentices need the support of their National Union, and a voice (and a vote!) on conference floor. *Re-elect me and I will continue my work with the NSoA:*

- On engaging with Youth Social Action and getting their voices heard!
- Making sure apprenticeships have the correct quality standards, as well as Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to stop the fall of entries into apprenticeships, and enable learners to have a clear and supported choice through education.
- Supporting any campaigns they have, including around free apprentice travel, tackling the horrific gender pay gap, and inequality in apprenticeships.

Emily has been a fantastic VP FE over the last year and has really engaged with her membership, encouraged their development, and supported their work. FE deserves Emily's continued efforts.

- Holly Scrimgeour, President, Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA)

This is such a key thing for FE & college Students' Unions development. The Government is beginning to focus more on giving money to external charities and non-profits, and embedding this into our programmes. FE Students' Unions need to take full opportunity of this, and internally as NUS we must make sure we are leading the charge. *Re-elect me and I will:*

- I will run a Priority Campaign to get Funding for FE & College Students' Unions, to enable you to be the hub of youth social action within your institutions, building this from the excellent NUS Scotland Framework.
- Run an Internal Review of how NUS works for and with FE and college Unions, making sure we are representing and leading for FE, which makes up the majority of our membership, with particular attention to SEND FE provision and how we support FE in the nations.
- Lobby the Government to embed Citizenship Education into curriculums, starting in schools.

I promised when you elected me as VP FE last year, that the majority of the Student Movement would no longer be treated as the minority. I have kept this promise, ensuring your voices are heard loud and clear in every area of NUS.

You put your faith in me a year ago, and I need you to do that one more time. *Re-elect Emily No. 1 as Your Vice President Further Education, and help me continue to say:*

Qualifications & Quality



A new Post-16 Skills plan is on the way, which yet again focuses on the bare minimum. Which doesn't account for a lack of funding, or a lack of information and guidance, and which has no understanding of what quality education looks like. *Re-elect me and I will:*

- Work on the Careers Strategy making sure that there is clear and adequate careers advice for ALL FE learners and apprentices, instead of it being another tick box in a packed curriculum.
- Work with NUS Wales, NUS Scotland, and NUS-UK to come up with a vision of what quality FE provision should look like in the UK, specific to each nation.
- Ensure the implementation of T-levels doesn't lock anyone out of lifelong learning.



Youth Social Action & citizenship education



FE is here



to stay!

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