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for vp society & citizenship

a bit about myself

During my years at Salford Students' Union, I campaigned tirelessly for a union that not only represents all students but defends their rights. I fought to bring liberation to the forefront of our work where access to education should never be a barrier. I want to lead a Society & Citizenship Zone that will always defend students like me that will fight for a cohesive multicultural and just society.

I'm running to be your VP Society and Citizenship, because I want an NUS that shapes an inclusive and progressive society, an NUS that supports and unites all students, and an NUS that actually makes concrete change.

media response unit

For too long, activists have been abruptly woken up to their faces on the front page of the national press, bombarded with hate mail from across the world. We need an NUS to lead a Media Response training unit and provide a coordinated press strategy to fight right-wing narratives that demonise our membership.

- Launch an Activist Media Training programme.
- Establish a Helpline for Student Unions and our membership.
- Establish a "Know your Rights" legal briefing toolkit.

Experience

- Salford Students' Union, President (2017 - 2018)
- National Executive Council (2016 - 2017)
- Salford Students' Union, Vice President Business and Law (2015 - 2016);
- NUS Anti-Racist Anti-Facist Committee 2016/2017 & 2017/18

Achievements

- Worked with the Black Students Campaign on the Preventing Prevent campaign.
- Pushed for a Democracy review at USSU and introduced liberation officers.
- Established a hate crime reporting centre at my Union.
- Organised the first Black History Month & Islamophobia Awareness Month at USSU.
- Refugee Action: supported the resettlement of refugees, offering welfare support and organising community events.

Shuwanna Aaron
NUS Scotland Women's Officer



“Zamzam is one of the most committed activists I have ever come across. Her approach to tackling issues, and bring us all with her on the journey, is what we need from a VP Society and Citizenship. We need someone as articulate as Zamzam to give the Zone back some meaning. If SocCit is the Zone that is meant to represent the society and world we want to see - I can think of no one better than Zamzam to lead it.”

FE is where it all begins

FE is where many of us first engaged with student activism; however, our work for these students over the last couple of years just hasn't been good enough. We can't allow FE to be sidelined any longer!

- Commission a Hate Crime survey within Further Education.
- Work with the newly-elected Metro Mayors across the UK to see how working together can benefit the students they represent, lobbying them on travel bursaries and studying provisions for students.
- Continue the campaign for Votes at 16.



Juliana Noor
VP at City of Liverpool College Union

“Zamzam is my candidate for Society and Citizenship because she will prioritise Further Education. The issues that Zamzam have highlighted are matters that FE students face and are discussions raised in many colleges. I have full faith in Zamzam and that she will push to resolve issues FE students face like travel bursaries and studying provisions.”

making my story possible

As a daughter of refugees, I have seen the barriers faced by Asylum seekers & Refugees in Education. We need to do better for our siblings!

- Train SU's in how to lobby their institution for 'Access to education Scholarships'
- Campaign for the Closure of Detention centres
- I will work with StAR & International students campaign to offer SU's resources.
- Campaign to scrap the Health surcharge and reinstate the Post study work visa for International students.



Yinbo Yu
NUS International Students' Officer

“Soc&Cit needs someone like Zamzam. She is someone who will undoubtedly look out for international student and make sure that they are an integral part of NUS and wider society. Her resilience and tireless passion for rights of refugees goes without saying.”

a society for the many

We can't win back power for students without building relationships beyond our campuses, and engaging positively through community organising. We need to be building a coalition of the many - schools, trade unions, faith groups and local campaign groups - working towards the common good, and putting our students and students unions at the heart of our local communities.

- Start a Youth Engagement Tour for Further Education: I will visit regions and platform Further Education to have a voice for positive social change.
- Re-energise our campaign against the closure of Youth Centres - education doesn't end in schools!
- Support and train SU's on how to effectively engage their communities, from becoming hate crime reporting centres to fundraising local initiatives.

climate change is a race issue

For too long, climate change has taken a backseat - it's time to bring this issue to the forefront. Climate change is a social justice issue, its one that primarily affects those in the global south and poorer communities

- Work with Black Students Campaign to raise awareness of race inequality - from quality of housing to the disproportionate effects of climate change in poorer communities.
- Launch a divestment campaign to provide a national toolkit, providing SU's with the resources to lobby their institutions to divest all their assets from fossil fuels, and invest in green technologies.