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## Vote # 1 for Block of 15



Being the Largest student union in Europe, **NUS** has enormous **potential** to be a powerful campaigning organisation for students. As it is not just a source of advice and support, it has **power to change** students' life. Remember, the political differences cannot divide us.

I am standing for the Block of 15 to **lead active campaigns that inspire students** and demonstrate that their National Union is more than just a discount card.

We face major **challenges**;

- Student Debt
- Unemployment and low paid jobs
- Expensive education.
- **Student Debt** is at an unprecedented high level, which continues to increase.

- Unemployment and **low paid jobs** are what graduates are expecting at the end of university.
- As tuition **fees continue to increase**, the danger is that the cap will cease to exist. This will be to the detriment of our potential future members.
- Students' living standards are abysmal. Whether living in Halls of residence or private rented accommodation, many students live in real poverty. Many **go without food to pay for tuition fees**. Many **skip lectures to work** because failure to pay the rent will result in homelessness.
- As universities prepare for cuts in Government funding frontline services are at stake. These services are both essential and crucial. Student support is of paramount importance, these services need to be preserved.
- There is an undercurrent of **institutional racism and prejudice in Universities**. There needs to be an awareness raising campaign amongst frontline university staff. Many are not aware of the real and diverse issues students face on a daily basis. I say fairness for all, not a select few.

Therefore, students have never needed a more powerful national voice than they do today. The voice of tomorrow won't be heard unless we start speaking up today.

### My Priorities:

I will not only defend your existing rights, but also win new ones. Elect me, and I'll campaign:



- I will create an International/National Alumni Fund to rectify the shocking lack of hardship **support for overseas students** and consolidate and expand graduate **scholarships for national students**.
- For an easy to use website for students and students' unions
- The **forgotten members** of NUS: part-time students, mature students, international and postgraduate students need to be engaged. There are large numbers of students who are **suffering in silent**. These students deserve to be heard and remembered. Let's get them involved today.
- I will Ensure that **all voices are heard** (All Liberation positions need help and support)
- To create full time International Students' Officer, Mature Students' Officer and Post Graduate Students' Officer positions in local unions.

### About Me!

I am currently a **Committee member of NUS Mature Students' and NUS Post Graduate Students' committees**. In addition to this, I am an active part on the **NUS International Students and Black Students' Campaign**. I may be a "fresh face" to NUS politics, but that might not be a bad thing, **I can guarantee**. The Block of 15 requires members that are hard working,

strong-willed and most importantly that have a vision for the Union. I am all of these things and much more. I am a fighter, dynamic, friendly, approachable...who listens, acts and gets result.



Elect me as your # 1 and you will be voting for **effective communication, efficient representation** and support, increased involvement locally and nationally, and real Union development. As, I am a reformer not politician!

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