

Postgraduate fees:

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The Union Believes

1. From September 2016, the government is proposing that students are able to apply for student funding for postgraduate courses and will work similarly to how undergraduate loans/grants work. However, this is for the under 30s only.
2. Yasmin Qureshi MP is already lobbying the government on these proposals and is pushing for an explanation as to why over 30s are excluded and the rationale behind it.
3. The University of Sheffield launched a report in the commons on Monday rightly calling on the government to widen access to higher education.
4. The University of Salford should also take a firm stance against this policy and support their, many, students who will undoubtedly be at a disadvantage if the reforms go ahead.

The Union Resolves

1. To lobby the university to call on the government, as Sheffield University has done, to reassess the age barrier to postgraduate funding.
2. If the university offer any scholarships this year, to take into account the students who will not be eligible for the postgraduate funding and give them priority on the funding
3. Instead of 10k scholarship to one student they could split that for three students' tuition fee.