



Student Council
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Motion: Supporting the Free Education Demo

Background:

1. At its conference in April the National Union of Students (NUS) voted to support free education. The NUS resolved to campaign for education to be funded through public investment rather than tuition fees or a graduate tax. Measures suggested to achieve this included ending tax evasion and raising taxes for the most well off.
2. The NUS highlighted the fact that free education would pay for itself - government figures show that for every £1 invested in higher education the economy expands by £2.60.
3. On November 19th a coalition of student groups and campaigns are organising a national demo under the banner of free education: no fees, no cuts, no debt. This group includes the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts (NCAFC), the Student Assembly Against Austerity (the student wing of the People's Assembly) and the Young Greens.
4. The NUS has voted to support this national demo, as have many students' unions including Birmingham Guild, University of Manchester Students' Union, Aberdeen University Students Association, University of Stirling Students' Union, University of Arts Students' Union and Strathclyde Students' Association.

Purpose:

1. To send a clear message of support for the Free Education Demo from University of Bristol students.
2. To give UBU a mandate to put resources into promoting the demo.
3. To start a discussion on campus about free education and how higher education should be funded.

Action:

1. To fund a coach to the Free Education demo so that students can attend.
2. To actively promote the demo on campus and online.

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