



PART FOUR N.U.S AMMENDMENTS

Amendment to Policy() Page() Higher Education zone Ordinary motion: 'Fight against cuts'

Proposed By: Stuart Jordan

Seconded By: Calum Holden-Cooper

Conference believes

1. That the government is trying to make the majority of the population pay for the economic crisis caused by a tiny minority of bankers and bosses – through job losses, wage freezes, repossessions and cuts in services including education.
2. That hundreds of millions in cuts have already been announced, with speculation of billions on the way. The Tories will make even deeper cuts.
3. That the only way to effectively resist such cuts is mass direct action. That is the lesson of inspiring struggles including workplace occupations like Visteon and Vestas and battles in education like Tower Hamlets College, where a determined strike stopped the bulk of cuts to ESOL and other courses.
4. In the growth of anti-cuts campaigns on campuses across the country, and the establishment of the National Convention Against Fees and Cuts.
5. That we should oppose every cut and demand that the government tax the rich and business to fund education.
6. That instead of being bailed out with billions of public money so they can carry on as before, the banks should be taken into democratic public ownership so their resources can be used to provide jobs, homes and education.

Conference resolves

1. To oppose all cuts to education, and demand that the government tax the rich and business to fund education and public services.
2. To make these themes central to our education campaign.
3. To support and coordinate local anti-cuts campaigns, building links between student campaigns and union branches in struggle, and produce a guide to fighting cuts to spread best practice.

GM resolves

1. To mandate the sabbatical officers to find out about any proposed cuts at City University and report on the progress to all future student union meetings under the Standing Item "Cuts Watch"
2. To mobilise students at City to support anti-cuts campaigns at other London universities

Speaker For: Stuart Jordan

Speaker Against: Open





**Amendment to Policy() Page()
Society and Citizenship Zone
Ordinary motion: General election**

Proposed By: Stuart Jordan

Seconded By: Calum Holden-Cooper

Conference believes

1. That New Labour's record of snout-in-the-trough careerism and slavishly serving the bankers and bosses has prepared the way for the Tory resurgence and the growth of the BNP.
2. That bad as New Labour is, the Tories represent a greater threat. At the general election, the choice will be between Labour – a party still, despite everything, linked to the unions – and, in the Tories, an aggressively right-wing ruling class force.
3. That we should support a Labour victory; but this does not mean remaining silent about New Labour's record. We need to combine a Labour vote with organising to impose demands such as:
 - Free education and a living grant for every student;
 - Taxation of the rich and business to rebuild and expand the welfare state and public services;
 - Jobs for all on a living wage: cut the working week without loss of pay.
4. We want a government that serves the working class in the same way that the Tories, the Lib Dems and New Labour have served the rich.

Conference resolves

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Society and Citizenship Zone
Ordinary motion: Haiti

Proposed By: Stuart Jordan

Seconded By: Calum Holden-Cooper

Conference believes

1. That the devastation caused by January's earthquake in Haiti, already an incredibly poor society with minimal infrastructure, requires an urgent response.
2. That there is a radical workers' movement in Haiti, led by Batay Ouvriye – a union organising in the factories and sweatshops, mobilising the urban and rural poor and struggling against Haitian capitalists and foreign multinationals. This movement has, of course, been devastated by the earthquake, with many of its key organisers killed.
3. That Batay Ouvriye has appealed for solidarity and funds

Conference resolves

1. To make a donation of £2,000 to Batay Ouvriye, and circulate its appeal to our affiliates.

GM resolves

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Speaker For: Stuart Jordan

Speaker Against: Open





Amendment to Policy() Page()
Union Development zone
Ordinary motion: NUS democracy

Proposed By: Stuart Jordan

Seconded By: Calum Holden-Cooper

Conference believes

1. That the new NUS constitution massively weakened democracy in and accelerated the bureaucratisation of NUS.
2. That with their proposals for a de facto NUS/NUSSL/AMSU merger, the current leadership are preparing to move NUS still further away from anything resembling a representative, campaigning national union.

Conference resolves

1. To denounce the current NUS constitution as an undemocratic travesty.
2. To oppose merging NUSSL with AMSU.
3. To call a special conference to discuss democratising NUS.
4. To declare ourselves in favour of the following:
 - Abolition of Zone conferences;
 - At least one annual conference of at least five days;
 - A unified NEC with only elected student representatives;
 - Proper funding for part-time NEC members;
 - NEC, not senior management team, control over senior NUS staff.

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