

1768 It's time for us to WALK OUT in solidarity passed 29 October 15

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Union notes:

1. International students have been under constant attack by the Home Office for a number of years.
2. These attacks have intensified since 2012 with the revocation of the 'Highly Trusted Sponsorship' of London Metropolitan University, scrapping of the post-study work visa provision and other changes to the immigration system.
3. Other universities and colleges have also lost their sponsorship status since 2012, often left to pay the price for their institution's mistakes.
4. The number of visa refusals has increased significantly over the past couple of years and the new immigration rules which will be coming into action soon will only make life more difficult for international students and all migrants in general.

Union believes:

1. The onslaught on international students' rights in the UK is not an isolated matter and is part of a bigger picture of the anti-migrant sentiment which is growing in the UK.
2. The UK government's response to the refugee crisis has been inadequate to say the least.
3. The anti-migrant sentiment growing in the country, which had previously severely affected international students, is now manifesting itself in how the most vulnerable migrants, who are refugees, are being treated.
4. As a progressive movement, it is our responsibility to stand in solidarity with all migrants and condemn the government's attitude towards them.
5. Union of UEA Students should priorities the plight of migrants in general, and that of international students and refugees in particular, in its campaigning activities.

Union Resolves:

1. To fully support, endorse and encourage a national day of walk out on 'International Students' Day', November 17th. This would be to raise awareness regarding the treatment of refugees, international students and the wider migrant communities in the UK and to show the government that students overwhelmingly reject the government's attitude towards migration.
2. To utilise every possible tool to get as many students as possible on board with the national day of action.

3. To particularly magnify this day of action by producing relevant material as well as distributing videos and other promotional material provided by NUS and other campaigning allies