

2370 NUS Conference Motion - Fund Free Education by Expropriation

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Conference believes:

- Society benefits from having an educated population, the quantity and quality of which has always been a general measure of social progress
- The increase in tuition fees introduced since 2012 has severely limited people's ability to receive higher education
- The competition produced by the marketisation of higher education has reduced the quality of education
- Both the staff and students attending higher education have suffered due to the need to make universities more profitable

Conference further believes:

- Education should be free and accessible to everyone, throughout their lives
- Lecturers, teaching assistants and support staff deserve a fair living wage and pension
- There is enough money and resources in society to provide free education for all
- Profit should have no place in education

Conference resolves:

- To work with UCU, and other unions present on campuses nationwide, to campaign for a national and democratic plan of education and research based on the good and needs of society.
- To campaign for free education, to be funded by taking the entire education sector and the 150 biggest businesses and banks into the democratic ownership of the workers