Further Education Zone Report

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Section 1 | Priorities for 2016-17

Projects	Progress		
Write here a title or name which most closely describes your project	How has this area of work progressed since it's commencement		
#FEunplugged	 Held 29 area review roundtables across England Directly consulted with student reps from over 120 colleges. Produced 24 local reports (so far) outlining learner's expectations of FE in their area. Received endorsement from 100 college SUs and reps Generated a bank of student opinion to be used locally and nationally Gave written and oral evidence to the post-16 area reviews inquiry. Created web and printed campaigns 'How To' guide that is accessible for Level 2 learners and came with an accompanying simple training session for LVP's to deliver. Created campaigns training for FE Students' Union Staff and LVPs to deliver to FE students and student officers on "creating effective campaigns in FE" Created guidance for SUs working with the Press during Area Reviews Created lobbying guidance for MPs during Area Reviews Created a manifesto of clear asks derived from findings of the Area Review Round Tables. 		

Students Shaping Post 16 Skills	Students Shaping Further Education				
TO SKIIIS	Launched research project "Students Shaping Further Education" with Sir Vince Cable. It aims to influence government and policy makers on what students know to be quality vocational and technical education.				
	 Held roundtables with learners at Dudley College, Morley College, City of Liverpool College, and Asset Training Provider, finding out what learners think of their education. 				
	Post 16 Skills Plan				
	Researched learner's experiences of work placements and work experience.				
	Briefed MPs on the issues affecting learners in the Technical and Further Education Bill.				
	Submitted amendments to the Technical and Further Education Bill, calling for:				
	 Protection for learners if a college becomes insolvent Representation for the learner and apprentice on the Institute for Apprentice Statutory, Independent Careers, Advice and Guidance 				
	 Created membership briefings on the Technical and Further Education Bill, the Industrial Strategy, the Post 16 Skills Plan and the Institute for Apprenticeships. 				
	 Responded to two of the Government's consultations on the Institute for Apprenticeships. 				
	Briefed members and consulted with them on the Post 16 Skills Plan at Zones Conference.				
	Gave oral evidence to Technical and Further Education Bill Committee.				
Further Education Union Development	Held 29 roundtable events in the areas where area reviews are taking place.				
	 Organised and delivered with VPUD an FE UD Summit, bringing together sector bodies, colleges and learners to set a plan for the future of FE union development. 				
	 Further education (FEUD) engagement- we received positive feedback from FE unions about their membership engagement as part of their NUS support. 				

- Unions are feeling that actions raised are being addressed quickly and effectively after the meetings.
- Letter was sent to FE unions about the different FE services and support offered by NUS.
- Ran activities around National Volunteering week to seek ideas to help shape SU2016 to make it more inclusive for FE students.
- Worked with a number of FE colleges to offer BESPOKE development support for the following:
- o City of Wolverhampton college
- o Oldham College
- o Sheffield
- City of Liverpool College
- o New college Stamford
- Longley park 6th form
- o Cardinal Newham college
- Wakefield college
- Warwickshire
- Grantham
- o Hugh bird
- Manchester
- o Leicester
- Accrington and Rossendale
- o Lincoln
- Furness/Barrow merger
- South & City College Birmingham/Bournville College merger
- Rotherham College/North Nottinghamshire College merger
- o Burton & South Derbyshire College merger

Colleges I have visited

Dudley, Boston, Oakland, Leicester, Lancaster and Morecombe, Canterbury, Richmond, BCot, Liverpool, Weston, Cambridge regional, Oldham, City and Islington, Sheffield

Quality SU's and FE

2 colleges so far have completed part (A)

South downs and Sussex downs

Support will be provided to those college to complete section (B)

Learning and development

- Summer FE Lead and change
- Also trained 25 delegates from 6 members at second ever specialist Lead & Change
- Contributions to the insight project looking into what the membership want and needs with regards to learning and development for LLDD students and their institutions.
- Worked directly with 12 colleges to build strong and sustainable student unions and learner voice with the following:
- Haringey and Enfield
- North East London
- CANDi
- Cornwall
- Hackney
- Tower hamlet
- South downs
- Worthing 6th form
- Highbury college
- East Kent
- Mid Kent
- Canterbury- case studies only
- The Learner Voice framework is a development tool a way to measure and then improve the impact of learner voice through sustainable and inclusive practice.
- It is an online self-evaluation, linked to a Development Plan, which enables the organisation to identify the areas they wish to improve and develop.
- We have consulted with AoC Governance Portfolio Group, ATL, Education & Training Foundation, Learning Training Employment (LTE) Group, NATSPEC, Ofsted, UNISON, University of Derby SU – Buxton & Leek College, 15 General FE & 6th Form Colleges, Internal consultation (NUS & TSEP). Additionally, we are seeking

- engagement with AELP, the National Society of Apprentices and the Prisoners' Education Trust.
- The consultation process will close mid-February.
- The next steps are to work with organisations to trial use of the framework - a number of general FE colleges and Novus (part of LTE Groups, delivering education in the criminal justice system) registered to pilot this work.
- Pilot organisations will be supported to self-assess their current practice and then create a plan to develop and improve learner voice within their organisation.
- The trial work will commence in March, with an initial review scheduled for June. At this point, we will assess whether further piloting is required before we build the online platform.
- Fed into the project 100 work, ensuring that Further Education in a key part of making the structures work to build the representation of FE student with NUS.
- Gave a keynote at the LOOP Awards host at my previous college Lewisham Southwark College where I shared my journey and spoke about the importance of college putting learner voice central to everything the college.
- Received funding form the Education Training
 Foundation to run Student governor program, which has
 been very successful and we have over achieved our
 participation target.

Section 2 | Zone Policy

Policy	Progress
Write here the title and unique policy ID	What work has been done in this area
Motion 202 Area Reviews – Colleges are on life support; don't pull the plug!	Launched the second phase of the #FEunplugged at FE festival where we will be working with student union to campaign on the priorities of the FE manifesto which has developed through the feedback for FE student from the area review roundtable events we have been hosting.
	The campaign will include an accessible campaigns guide for FE SU's, a briefing outlining how key issues that have been flagged through the Area Review Roundtables and a manifesto calling for key entitlements students have said they wanted including calling for an investment in FE.
	Those 6 things on the manifesto are: learner voice sitting at the heart of all providers, local transport that is affordable and reliable, student support services enable students to achieve, FE delivers an education, not just a qualification, wherever learning happens it should always be high quality & it's time for investment in FE.
	We have hosted area review roundtable event across all 5 area review waves in England and have met with learners from over 120 colleges within this process.
	We conducted round tables in each area and have been publishing these reports on NUSConnect. The reports themselves have been sent to the Area Review Delivery Unit and the regional boards discussing the mergers.
	Additionally we have submitted evidence to Select Committee enquiry on what learners have been saying in

relation to Area Reviews and were called on to give oral evidence.

- Briefings were pulled together for all MP's who have colleges who have gone through the Area Review process covering what students in their colleges have said and included key questions they can raise in Parliament.
- Additionally we will be creating mergers guidance for colleges who merge because of the process which will include merging SU's and learner voice functions.
- We have been working with MP's and Lords lobbying on the Bus Services Bill, trying to get concessions for 16-19 year olds written into the Bill. The Bill is still going through the Parliamentary process.

Motion 204 | Free Education, Further Education, For Everyone

- Supported the National Free education demonstration earlier in November, organised and lead the student the FE student block.
- Briefed the Labour Party opposition day debate on College cuts, the week before the Autumn Statement. This and other lobbying by the FE sector, including ourselves, helped ensure that FE funding was protected in cashterms in the spending review.
- Have been involved in organizing a 'Defend Further and Adult Education' conference with UCU.
- NUT rally about the cuts to 6th forms college
- The people's assembly against austerity demonstration
- Spoke at a Labour party rally about the importance of staying in the EU and how the European Union benefits student through the funding in provides from the European Social fund for both FE and HE institutions.

	I have given oral evidence to the Apprenticeship select committee and spoke on the importance of apprenticeship wages and the lack of incentive for people form low income background to do an apprenticeship because of effect it will have on the family household e.g. council tax exemptions.
	 I along with the VP Soc Cit have given evidence to the Low Commission in regards to making recommendation on the rate of the minimum wage.
Motion 206 Qualifications – once the golden rule – now just pieces of paper	Attend a FEUKchat and TES roundtable math and English to discuss math and English. We discussed the current issues around communication between institutions and the re-sit. We have a follow up meeting where each stakeholder will send a paper with the suggestions.

Relevant events		
ETF residential board- Manchester	28-29 th April 2016	Discussion of how we are going to promote the UK and world skills competition in FE and sixth form college, and how to continue to develop professional standard within the sector and teaching profession through the SET membership.
Area Review Roundtable: Cumbia	28 th April 2016	Hosted a roundtable event as part of the work we are doing on area reviews and to ensure learners voices are considered and listened to throughout the process. The evident gathered with be published I n a report and use in the steering group meeting when exploring recommendations.
Area Review Roundtable: Liverpool	3 rd May 2016	Hosted a roundtable event as part of the work we are doing on area reviews and to ensure learners voices are considered and listened to throughout the process. The evident gathered with be published I n a report and use in the steering group meeting when exploring recommendations.
Weston College	9 th May 2016	Visited and met the student union, spoke about how they can run local campaigns and get involved in the national campaign #FEunplugged. Spoke through and

		supported them in tackling the issues they are currently facing and had a tour around the campus
Cambridge Regional College	10 th May 2016	Spoke at the student conference, sharing my journey in education and NUS. Gave a presentation on overcoming and identifying barriers e.g. area reviews and cuts to resources, courses and staff. Also spoke about the #FEunplugged campaign and let them know how they can get involved.
Oldham College		Spoke at the student conference, sharing my journey in education and NUS. Gave a presentation on overcoming and identifying barriers e.g. area reviews and cuts to resources, courses and staff. Also spoke about the #FEunplugged campaign and let them know how they can get involved. Met the vice principal in-charge of the student union and gave him and the LVP information on creating a Sabb role- which they will be implementing. Had an interview with the local press about the importance of FE and why I was at the college.
Area Review Roundtable: Black country	12 th May	Hosted a roundtable event as part of the work we are doing on area reviews and to ensure learners voices are considered and listened to throughout the process. The evident gathered with be published I n a report and use in the steering group meeting when exploring recommendations.
Labour Party Rally- London Remain in the EU	14 th May 2016	Spoke on a panel with Jeremy Corbyn about the importance of remaining in the EU and the benefit it has on students and women along with the funding it provides for both FE and HE students.
Sheffield Climate change alliance	17 th May	Spoke at the Sheffield Climate change alliance event about the importance of getting student from all diversity included in the movement.
Sheffield College	18 th May	Met with the President James Bangert to discussion any issues or support that I can give them. Spoke about the #FEunplugged campaign, met with the President- elect and was given a tour around the campus

Working and learning institute (Pearson) London	18 th May	Attended a networking meeting. Made link with people in the sector and spoke to Gordon Marsden about meeting to discuss prisons education and skills.
Warwick Uni	19 th May 2016	Campaign and supported (YES2NUS) sabs. Speaking to students about the benefits of staying with NUS with the attacks and raising of tuition fees and discounts NUS offers
The woodlands trust	20 th May 2016	Chaired the first meeting on the woodland trust student committee on how to engage and inspire student and community in the project on a social, political, and educational basis.
Labour party EU rally with Jeremy Corbyn- London	25 th May 2016	Spoke at the EU Labour party rally with Jeremy Corbyn on the importance of remaining in the EU and the benefits it has for students and women, black people and other liberation groups.
Women in leadership network conference-BIS	25 [™] May 2016	Panel session about the barriers and challenges I faced being a women in education and within leadership.
Cambridge University	26 th May 2016	Campaign at Cambridge to remain with NUS
Bite the ballot	26 th May 2016	Brexit live debate- Spoke on a panel to a youth audience about the importance of remaining in the EU and young people voting in the referendum
NUS Black students conference	28-29 th May 2016	Met new elected FE and HE officers. Encourage them to run for committee position.
Evidence on Apprenticeship in enquiry	02 nd June 2016	Gave evidence on apprenticeship with Martin Doel (AOC) and Mark Hawes (AELP) on the importance of apprenticeship levy having quality well paid jobs at the end of the process and including apprentice voice around the table of the institute of apprentices.
#Bursarynotbust demo	04 th June 2016	Supported and attended the #bursarynotbust demo and helped lead the block with the organisers.
Crime stoppers: Drop the knife event	06 th June 2016	Attend an event on knife crime in London and spoke to Chuck Uma about working together with local agencies, met family of

		victims and other community activist and organisers passion about tackling these issues.
Skills and World competition meeting	09 th June 2016	Met to discuss how I can help promote these competitions within Further education institutions and how nus can help support this project. Agreed I will be giving a keynote at the event in November.
Hammersmith and Fulham conference	10 th June 2016	Delivered a keynote on my journey into education, the cuts happening in the sector and the importance of FE in providing opportunities in local community and second chances.
Aylesbury College Student Awards	14 th June 2016	Delivered a motivational and inspiration keynote and presented awards to winners.
Area Review London Steering group	15 th June 2016	Managed to get Lewisham Southwark College to stall on their discussion with merging with the Newcastle group. Stated I would like to give a presentation at the next meeting about the research NUS and AOC don't on travel.
AOSEC Conference	15 th June 2016	Gave a keynote at the AOSEC Conference at South Downs College on the importance of leaver voice and learner engagement in the area review process
Labour party EU rally with Jeremy Corbyn- Hasting	25 th May 2016	Spoke at the EU Labour party rally with Jeremy Corbyn on the importance of remaining in the EU and the benefits it has for students and women, black people and other liberation groups.
UCAS Board meeting	16 th June 2016	Attended UCAS board meeting. Spoke to staff at UCAS about arranging a day to go to the HQ to learn more about the process and how nus can ensure that it is relevant for those coming through the vocational route to higher education.
Convoy to Calais	18 th June 2016	Attended a 250 strong convoy to Calais via dover. We were prevented from crossing the boarders by the authorities but held a protest at the boarders of dover in solidarity with the refugees.
Learning Consortium Conference- British Library	21 st June 2016	Delivered a Keynote on the importance of learner voice in quality teaching and learning. Met by old Maths teacher who

		taught me when I 17 and a student of Morley college.
AELP Conference	28 th June 2016	Gave a keynote on the importance of apprentice being a part of shaping this project alongside employers and training providers and with spoke about the partnership NSOA and Remploy are working to offer mental health support for apprentices.
SU2016- Liverpool	5-7 July 2016	Co Facilitated workshop on student leaders and presented the FE award. Networked and met newly and re =-elected officers.
Meeting at BIS: Insolvency Regime	12 th July 2016	Meeting to discuss the government's insolvency plans paying particular attention on what this means for student and student governors.
Keele- Lead and Change	25 th - 27 th July 2016	Attended lead and Change. Was with the small and specialist group. Had a great time meeting newly elected and re-elected officers.
Leeds- Lead and Change	02-03 August 2016	Attended lead and Change. Was with the small and specialist group. Had a great time meeting newly elected and re-elected officers.
NSOA leadership meeting	12 th August 2016	Attend NSOA meeting with the NSOA leadership team. We discuss NSOA relationship with NUS and governance.
Final FE ZONE Committee	15 th August 2016	Had the final FE Zone Committee meeting where I discussed my priorities for the year ahead, the national demonstration, zones and festival event and gave an update on the changes to the sector Skills paper.
Telephone call with Dame Ruth Silver	18 th August 2016	Discuss what FETL are doing in regards to the Whitehall review, feedback the achievement of FETL and hear NUS views in regards to what going on the FE sector and how FETL and NUS can work together of some leadership development work.
Vince Cable project planning- Post 16-Skills plan	01 st September 2016	Meeting to plan the consultation we will be conducting on the Post 16-Skills review. Meeting to discussion dates and structure of the process.

Parliamentors 3FFF launch	08 th September 2016	Launch of the new delegates of the parliamentors programme, met with different student on the program from different university from across the country.
Association of South East College Conference at City Brighton and Hove College	09 th September 2016	Gave a keynote on the importance of learner voice and investing in Sabbatical position and student governor to be part of the decision making process, I also spoke about the different training event that NUS runs for student officer and reps and mention the feedback that we have received from student officer from the area review roundtable events we have hosted.
Morley College	09 th September 2016	Gave a Keynote at Morley College senior Management Team Conference about the changes in the FE sector such as area reviews, insolvency regime and the post 16 skills plan as well as how the changes to the adults skills budget will benefit or effect students
Association of College Judging Panel	14 th September 2016	Sat on the AOC student's award panel with the new CEO of AOC David Hughes.
Low Pay Commission	15 th September 2016	Gave evidence with Robbie VP SOC CIT to the Low Pay Commission on recommendations of the minimum wage where we spoke about how social mobility has a big effect of individuals as well as the importance of apprentice's wages to be increased.
Unison Youth Members Conference	17 th September 2016	Spoke to the Unison Youth member about the different campaign happening in welfare. As one of their priorities for the year was around housing I spoke about the campaign of the Welfare campaign paying a keen focus to how they can develop housing campaign for student in Further Education and apprentices.
Meeting with UJS	21 st September 2016	Informal meeting with a member of UJS to discuss what I can do to help support Jewish FE students on campaign in particular around Friday timetabling and kosher food on campus.

Meeting with Worldskills Show	22 nd September 2016	Lunch meeting to discussion how NUS can help promote the world skills show to the membership and discussion about how I can contribution to the Skills show happening in November 2016.
UNESCO International AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY- GREEN IMPACT	11 th October 2016	Received an award from UNESCO, on behalf of NUS, for the work we have done on Green Impact.
MOPAC- Knife Crime Summit	13 th October 2016	Attended the MOPAC knife crime summit where I encouraged a number of people from the student movement, the community to attend. Met with other agencies working in youth work and crime.
Federation of Awarding bodies FAB	20 th October 2016	Gave a keynote at the Federation of Awarding bodies conference in Leicester where I spoke about the importance of qualification not being just for a career but to create citizen of society, I also spoke of the importance of student have impartial IAG to ensure student have all the information needed to make them make the right choice for themselves.
FE Festival	24 th October 2016	Launch the 2 phases on the #FEunplugged manifesto, meet newly and re-elected officers and started to gather student views in regards to the work we are doing the Post 16- skills plan.
NUS ZONES CONFERENCE	24-27 th October 2016	Attended zone conference where I met so many new officer, Supported and encourage student from both FE and HE to run for position on committee.
Press day with Vince Cable	31 st October 2016	Press day to launch our consultation work on the Post 16-Skills plan.
Visit to Auschwitz with UJS	15 th November 2016	We visited Auschwitz concentration camp and the Surrounding areas to learn about Jewish life prior to the holocaust. I also attended pre seminar to learn about the life of Jewish people in Europe before the war.
Association of College Conference- AOC – Birmingham	15 th -17 th November 2016	Attended AOC conference where we launch the Green Impact in FE project along with CEO David Hughes and attended a number of workshop on the insolvency regime and

		post skills plan. I also attend the AOC Gala dinner where I was able to meet all the students who were nominated and won award.
Skills Show UK- Birmingham	18 th November 2016	Spoke at on a panel called "Is further education working for students" which was chaired by Steph McGovern from the BBC where I spoke to an audience of Key stage 4 young people where we had an informal panel discussion about the different route to education and the importance of the government investing in impartial Information, advice and guidance.
United for Education: National demonstration.	19 th November 2016	Spoke at the end rally of the demo and networked with a number of student from FE, HE the sector and the community. It was great that I was able to bring my children and was all supported by my family and friend who also attended.
Oral Evidence to Technical Further Education Committee	22 nd November 2016	Gave evidence to the TFE committee of the importance of students getting the best deal from the change taking place in the sector, I also mention the importance of students be protected through this process and having two reserved places on the board for an apprentice and learner.
		I commented on the following areas:-
		Post 16 skills plan
		Institution of Apprentice
		Insolvency regime
		Access
LOOP awards at Lewisham Southwark College	24 th November 2016	Gave a keynote at the loop award about my journey into education, the importance of putting learning voice central to our education system and the changes happening within the sector.
Women's Equality Party Conference	26 th November 2016	Gave across the keynote about the sexual harassment on campus across the UK Spoke about the research NUS has done on Sexual harassment in university's
London Area Review Steering group	28 th November 2016	Attended the 4 th meeting of the steering group.

UCAS Council meeting	30 th November 2016	Emily Chapmen (FE NEC) attended this in on my behalf.
		Emily spoke about the inclusion of students completing HE/FE course in the ucas application process as well as the importance of understanding the FE as part of the process
ETF Board meeting	1 st December 2016	AGM and discussed student governor training programmes.
UNISON Staff Governor Programme.	02 nd December 2016	Gave a keynote about the #FEunplugged roundtable event that we have be facilitating focussing on expectation of student post the area review process.
Black Leaders Conference- Sheffield	05 th December 2016	Networked and attended workshop on developing your role as a leaders. Got to spend time and touch based with Sabbs on a 1-2-1 level who I have not seen in a while.
Telephone Meeting with the principal of Hull College	06 th December 2016	Had a meeting about the national campaign NUS is doing around FE. Spoke about the student governor training programme, the area review roundtables events, and what happens next, the importance of ensuring the student are registered for national conference.
Strategic Conversation- Sheffield	13-14 December 2016	Spoke on the motion to a part time student parent officer and had discussion with union and CEO's about their thought on the proposal of the governance review.
Meeting with the Minister Robert Halfon at 10 Downing Street	15 th December 2016	Attending a meeting with other FE stakeholder about FE application process including apprentices.
Attend College of North West London student council meeting	10 th January 2017	Spoke about the National FE campaigns #FEunplugged and the 2 nd phase. Give advice about how their can get involved. I gave information about the upcoming NUS events and conferences and had lunch with the student council team.
1 st FE Zone Committee Meeting	13 th January 2017	Met with my committee to discuss my priority for the FE campaign over the next six months. Discussed the work I am doing with Vince Cable on the skills plan and

		gather feedback from my committee on work experience and the 15 routes.
Student Voice Parliamentary Celebration of the Council of Portsmouth's Students	16 th January 2017	Attended this event with Robbie (VP SOC CIT) met with students involved in COPS and heard inspiration stories of the impact COPS in making in the local community.
Dudley College	17 th	Skills Plan project with Vince Cable
	January 2017	Spoke to SMT about their learn voice structure and engagement, and spoke to students- "Should FE do more than train?" and "Does civic education matter for learners?"
UJS Trip to Israel	18-22 January 2017	Visited different areas of Israel and Palestine included the old city of Jerusalem and Ramallah and met with a number of different Israeli and Palestinian people all with different experiences learning about the issues that them and their peoples
Morley college	25 th	Skills Plan project with Vince Cable
	January 2017	Spoke to students- "Why does lifelong learning matter"
UKFEchat and TES English and Maths roundtable discussion	25 th January 2017	Attended roundtable discussion with a number of different stakeholder in the FE sector and Gordon Marsden MP
Meeting at London Metropolitan University with Florence (President)	30 th January 2017	Had a meeting with Florence (SU President) to discuss HE/FE mentoring programme. Spoke about the next phase of the FE #Unplugged campaign and how Lon Met can work with their local FE and Sixth forms colleges.
Liverpool Hope Student Union	31 st January 2017	Attend BME Leadership event hosted by Ayo (VP Education) has great discussion with students and staff from the university and met Labour councillor Anna Rothery and heard about her inspirational journey in politics and her campaigning for BME people in Liverpool.
Meeting at the Department for Education	1 st February 2017	Meeting to discuss learner voice and Su funding –post area review process and moving into the implementation.
St Edwards VI sixth form college	2 nd Feb 2017	Attended student council meeting to discuss Fe campaign and nus affiliations.

FE Mental health roundtable	3 rd Feb 2017	Discussion around mental health support in FE and shared good practice of different student support services in the different colleges.
2 nd Meeting at Downing Street with the Minister Robert Halfon	7 th Feb 2017	Presented a paper on student expectation from the current Fe application process. Spoke about importance of impartial IAG and the debt of this process to not be put on students