

## NEC Elections 2017/18 - Candidate Statements

### ARAF Committee

#### International/Migrant Place

Name	Statement
<b>Hansika Jethnani</b>	<p>Hiya, My name is Hansika. I'm an International student and Arts SU Education Officer. As an officer and activist, I have campaigned for the rights of international students and all migrants, on and off campus. At a time of Brexit, Trump and the rise of the far right, it is more important than ever that we stand up for the rights of international students and all migrants. Racist border policies have always existed in the UK and beyond - but the current political climate gives it legitimacy in pushing it further. We've seen EDL marches happen across the country. We've seen Nazis marching and chanting in the U.S. Across the world – nationalism, racism, and facism is on the rise.</p> <p>We need to be the movement that's mobilizing against the fascists. We need the ARAF committee to organise workshops for students across the country on stopping deportations and ending charter flights. We need to organise actions to sand in solidarity with migrant workers. We need to resist the attack on international students in our campuses and beyond. We need to be the movement organising against the far right.</p> <p>NUS has a history of being at the forefront of social justice - we cannot stop now. We mustn't limit our solidarity to local issues - smashing racism and fascism is a fundamental to building a more equal world. So for a radical &amp; campaigning ARAF Committee that works to organise and mobilise . Vote for Hansika #1 for migrant place.</p>
<b>Ceewhy Ochoga</b>	None submitted
<b>Re-open Nominations (RON)</b>	

## Jewish Place

Name	Statement
<b>Izzy Lenga</b>	None submitted
<b>Aliya Yule</b>	<p>Fighting fascism and racism must be at the forefront of our student movement, to ensure that everyone has access to a truly free education system. With anti-Semitic, Islamophobic and racially motivated hate crime on the rise, NUS needs a strong ARAF committee that will be active this year and help build a movement capable of standing united against these challenges.</p> <p>The Jewish community has a powerful, proud history of fighting fascism, from resistance against their oppressors in ghettos and in the camps, to fighting against fascists at Cable Street, to standing with diasporic communities across the world. It is this history I want to bring to the ARAF committee.</p> <p>I have a strong track record of campaigning against racism on campus, from organising with the Campaign for Racial Awareness and Equality to deliver Race 101 Workshops, to campaigning for a decolonized curriculum in our Politics Department. I also co-chaired the Jewish Students for Justice in Palestine in Oxford. I know the importance of the intersections of racism with other forms of oppression, and introduced the first Women of Colour group to our women's campaign.</p> <p>This year the CST reported an unprecedented increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents across the UK. I will ensure that the ARAF committee acts to support NUS in its work against anti-Semitism on campus, as well as using the ARAF platform to organise workshops to understand anti-Semitism, and demonstrations to fight fascists wherever they arise in our communities.</p>
<b>Re-open Nominations (RON)</b>	

## Muslim Place

Name	Statement
<b>Zamzam Ibrahim</b>	None submitted
<b>Re-open Nominations (RON)</b>	

## Open Place

Name	Statement
<b>Omotara Aladegbamigbe</b>	<p>Every day the identities of students are being targeted and trampled on within society, these range from ethnicity to religion. Having worked alongside the Vice President Society and Citizenship and been a member of the NUS Black Students campaign it is important that the work these groups champion is continued and becomes more informative and widespread Nationally, to allow students to feel safe both on and off campus and never be targeted due to their identities. To help and support the aspirations and dreams of those who have intentionally been 'set up to fail' due to a system that does not 'fit one size' in any way shape or form. I refuse to accept that we can not win power back to the hands of students, especially within the education system. The student movement has been at the forefront of so many monumental achievements for decades. Together we can take our success to greater heights.</p>
<b>Deej Malik-Johnson</b>	<p>I have been an active anti fascist organiser since my hometown experienced race riots in 2001 when I was 18. I've continued to be involved combating racism and fascism wherever I've lived, cofounding Black Lives Matter Manchester. I continued in this role whilst I was the BME officer at Manchester, where I organised the largest BLM UK demo outside of London. Since the Brexit referendum students across Manchester have been subject to horrific racist, islamophobic and anti-Semitic attacks for which I've frequently been the first point of contact for support and advice. I've also organised the student response with demo's, campaigns and self defence classes and helped organise the Manchester rally in support of the Chechen LGBTQ+ community.</p> <p>As an ARAF Committee member I hope to bring experience and passion to the national campaign.</p>
<b>Re-open Nominations (RON)</b>	

## Clerks to the NEC

Name	Statement
<b>Darren Clarke</b>	<p>The reason I wish to stand for clerk is I believe in equal and fair politics, clean debate and good process. Having been involved in different political areas growing up in my local youth council etc. Right through to today where we now sit on NEC together, I want to ensure we all have a chance to voice the words of the students we represent.</p> <p>So with this experience and want for everyone to have fair and equal opportunity, I wish to stand as Clerk to the NEC, to ensure every member can feel comfortable in being involved in debate. But also ensuring processes are accountable to NEC and not implicating the brilliant staff of NUS into politics. I now ask yourself to vote for myself as Clerk.</p>
<b>Nia Nash</b>	<p>Last year I helped to reboot Woodhouse College's Student Union. This took a lot of organising and communication between staff and students. This experience left me used to dealing with procedural measures within an institution. It also helped me become capable of balancing conflicting interests to come to a fair compromise. Juggling projects and roles alongside my studies is second nature to me. I qualified a full TEFL course with a distinction before my seventeenth birthday while still comfortably passing my AS exams. I'd be committed to the role with enthusiasm as I'm fairly new to working with NUS and I'm keen to learn how the union works with a hands on approach.</p>
<b>Ceewhy Ochoga</b>	None submitted
<b>Aliya Yule</b>	<p>I am standing to be Clerk to ensure that NEC this year is efficient and effective. NEC can be daunting and confusing: if elected, I will try to make NUS' procedures as clear as possible, and be ready to answer any and every question to ensure NEC runs smoothly. I have experience for the role as Vice President of my SU, where I ran our student union elections and was responsible for managing and knowing our constitution. NEC plays an important role in our student union democracy, and in holding our elected officers to account, and I will make sure that this year's NEC is fair, democratic, and well-organised.</p>
<b>Re-open Nominations (RON)</b>	

## Nominations committee

Name	Statement
<b>Emily Horsfall</b>	<p>Nominations committee is a really important committee within NUS; The people we appoint into our movement must be of a high standard, offer and understand diversity and always have students' best interests in mind when making decisions. However, it is also fully important that they have a strong understanding of and unwavering dedication to the student movement.</p> <p>Part of my role as a sabbatical officer at the KeeleSU was to both interview and appoint members of staff and trustees within our organisation. I have experience of the process and have no doubt this will hold me in good stead to sit a second term on the nominations committee.</p> <p>My critical voice and perspective, as well as my deep commitment to student representation and democratic process is what makes me a great candidate for this committee. Please vote to elect me onto nominations committee.</p>
<b>Zamzam Ibrahim</b>	None submitted
<b>Krum Tashev</b>	I would like to be part of this committee, because I want to support student unions in making sure that their students are being well represented and heard at their trustees boards.
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