

## Motions and Amendments submitted to NEC

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## Motion 1: Adding New Positions to the ARAF Committee

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Rachel O'Brien
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ilyas Nagdee, Jess Bradley, Amelia Horgan, Hareem Ghani, Hansika Jethnani, Yinbo Yu, Ali Milani, Krum Tashev, Aliya Yule, Beth Douglas, Noorulann Shahid, Shuwanna Aaron and Piers Wilkinson.
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

### NEC Believes:

1. In 2016, a motion was passed at NEC to change the composition of the Anti-Racism, Anti-Fascism Committee
2. This included the introduction of several reserved places which were to be elected, including: Jewish member, Muslim member, Migrant member, LGBT+ member, as well as the Black Students Officer and the Black Students Campaign 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.
3. Not every liberation group currently has a reserved place on the ARAF committee.

### NEC Further Believes

1. Fascism affects oppressed groups in different ways, moreover, fascist groups consciously target marginalised groups
2. That currently those who face oppression on several counts, may also not be adequately represented by the formation of the committee
3. That to ensure we are best placed to fight racism and fascism we must ensure representation of all affected on the ARAF Committee.
4. That representation is not being sought for its own sake, we seek to ensure that our struggles are joined together in the fight against racism and fascism.

### NEC Resolves:

1. To introduce three new places onto the ARAF Committee: Disabled member, Trans member and Women's member.
2. These positions should be elected in the same fashion as the other reserved places: candidates should self-define into the particular group, and they should be elected by other self-defining members of said group.

## Amendment 1a

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Jess Bradley
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Eden Ladley, Rachel O'Brien
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC
<b>Action:</b>	Add

## NEC Believes:

1. The far right are on the rise. This summer, we have seen massive mobilisations of fascists and racists on the streets, often outnumbering anti-fascist counter-protesters.
2. ARAF committee is the venue for cross-campaign work on anti-fascism and anti-racism and the only NUS committee with guaranteed Jewish and Muslim representation.
3. ARAF committee is a subcommittee of the NUS NEC, elected only from NEC members.
4. Currently, ARAF committee activities is funded through an already stretched Cross-Liberation budget, which also has to fund various other activities associated with the liberation team.
5. This year is a crucial time for anti-fascist and anti-racist work. It is vitally important that ARAF committee actively organises this year against the largely unanticipated rise of the far right.
5. ARAF committee activities should not be funded solely out of the cross liberation budget. Whilst ARAF work is clearly relevant to liberation, it is an NEC subcommittee and should not be siloed as a liberation-only project. Nor should the responsibility of funding ARAF activities come from liberation campaigns when the fight against racism and fascism is the entire movement's responsibility.

## NEC Resolves:

1. To mandate ARAF committee to run a series of activities aimed at building the capacity of anti-fascist and anti-racist campaigning in the UK. Example activities include: self-defence, legal observer training, action medic training, etc.
2. Costs for these activities should not solely come from the cross-liberation budget. Welfare and Society and Citizenship should also contribute to these costs.

## Motion 2: Solidarity with the End the Public Sector Pay Cap Demo

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Rachel O'Brien
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Piers Wilkinson, Krum Tashev, Yinbo Yu, Jess Bradley, Hansika Jethnani, Beth Douglas, Sarah Gillborn and Ana Oppenheim.
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

## NEC Believes:

1. School teachers experienced a £3 drop in median real hourly earnings between 2005 and 2015
2. Doctors have experienced an £8 drop in median real hourly earnings between 2005 and 2015
3. Nurses wages have stagnated over the same period<sup>1</sup>
4. The government have said they will not lift the public sector pay cap<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jul/03/damning-government-report-shows-scale-of-public-sector-pay-cuts>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jun/28/public-sector-pay-cap-could-be-lifted-downing-street-hints>

5. The public sector is one of the biggest employers of graduates – 4 out of the Times 100 Top 10 Graduate Employers 2015<sup>3</sup>
6. Because individuals from oppressed groups tend to be overrepresented in employment in the public sector, cuts and pay caps mean that people in those groups are more likely to be unemployed or face financial difficulties.<sup>4 5</sup>
7. There is a demo on the 12<sup>th</sup> October to scrap the public sector pay gap, supported and organised by many unions who represent public sector (including education) workers.<sup>6</sup>

### NEC Further Believes:

1. The public sector is essential in the UK – from teachers, to the NHS and its staff, to social care and emergency services.
2. NUS should be campaigning and advocating for the fair employment of people from liberation backgrounds, who are disproportionately affected by the pay cap and other cuts to the public sector.
3. The NUS should stand in solidarity with other unions and workers, especially when it comes to disputes over fair pay in the public sector.
4. The pay cap will lead to further privatisation and staff shortages due to a haemorrhaging of staff who are leaving for jobs with better pay and working conditions.

### NEC Resolves:

1. NUS should stand in solidarity with support the Scrap the Cap demo on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.
2. Encourage student unions to support Scrap the Cap regional and local events in their local areas.

## Motion 3: Halting and Reverse of the Marketisation of Higher Education

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Joe Cox
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Izzy Lenga, Amatey Doku, Robbiie Young, Ellen-Rose Jones, Emily Horsfall, Darren Clarke, Tom Campbell, Tara Alade, Fee Woods
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

### NEC Believes:

1. That University Vice Chancellors in the year 2015-2016 earned anything up to £442,000<sup>7</sup>
2. That the increase in Vice Chancellor pay is linked to the marketisation of universities and is the result of Universities being forced to compete in an increasingly brutal market place
3. That it is unacceptable for Vice Chancellors to continue to award themselves pay rises via shady remuneration committees while the debt burden on students increases
4. That it is unacceptable for any university to not be a living wage employer while paying its Vice Chancellor an excessive annual wage

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/sitesgov.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jan/08/minority-ethnic-workers-more-often-unemployed>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/13/blind-damian-green-plan-disabled-flawed-public-sector-devalues>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.pcs.org.uk/news/activate/campaigns/scrap-the-pay-cap-keeping-up-the-momentum>

<sup>7</sup> The Times, Higher Education Survey Vice Chancellor Pay Survey, 2016

5. That the process for awarding top pay for Vice Chancellors should be transparent, with all minutes from remuneration committees being publicly published within two weeks of a committee taking place.
6. That so far the government has done little to tackle the issue of high pay and marketisation in the HE sector, and that empty words and weak promises will not solve this problem.
7. That it is better to raise wages at the bottom than to just cut them at the top, and that we should follow a system of predistribution, not a race to the bottom.

### NEC Resolves:

1. That NUS NEC welcomes that the government recognises the issue of Vice Chancellor pay in the HE sector, but does not think it goes far enough to tackle the problems of marketisation in the sector, and is attempting to fix a symptom rather than a problem.
2. That NUS NEC condemns the role that the government has played in not just allowing, but actively furthering, the marketisation of Higher Education in the UK
3. That NUS should campaign for a linking of top and bottom pay at universities in order to increase the pay of the lowest paid workers, and to start to balance out the pay inequalities in the sector
4. That NUS should run a national campaign to support Students' Unions to get representation on their institution's remuneration committee.

### Amendment 3a

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Ana Oppenheim
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Jess Bradley, Eden Ladley
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC
<b>Action:</b>	Add

### NEC Believes:

8. That low paid and casualised workers are at the forefront of fighting pay inequality in universities.
9. That recently we've seen the victories of cleaners strikes at SOAS and LSE, which were led by precarious migrant workers and actively supported by students. These are just the latest examples of the many cases of effective student-staff solidarity.

### NEC Resolves:

5. These actions should include highlighting the fact that often university figures are misleading in that subcontracted workers are not included in official pay figures. NUS' work should include the demand that the linking of top and bottom pay include the status of pay and working conditions of subcontracted workers.
6. To produce guidance for Students' Unions on working with campus trade unions to fight low pay and huge pay inequality, using the recent successful campaigns as case studies.

7. To publicise ongoing living wage campaigns and other examples of student-worker solidarity in universities and colleges.

## Motion 4: Education for Prisoners

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Jess Bradley
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Beth Douglas, Noorulann Shahid, Ana Oppenheim, Hansika Jethnani, Myriam Kane, Ilyas Nagdee
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

### NEC Believes:

1. The UK has the largest prison population in Western Europe<sup>8</sup>.
2. The Conservative government are pursuing a campaign of building 4 new mega-prisons. These prisons will be large factory-prisons<sup>9</sup>. Prisoners with jobs on the inside earn very little money, on average around £10<sup>10</sup>.
3. There are additional plans for another 4 regular-sized prisons, which are likely to be women's prisons.
4. The cost of new prison places stand at £119,000. The cost of housing an individual prisoner is in excess of £40,000 annually<sup>11</sup>.
5. Imprisonment for public protection (IPP) sentences are indefinite sentences that require the prisoner to successfully complete education programmes, amongst other requirements, before release. 80% of IPP prisoners have served their original tariff.<sup>12</sup>
6. Education services are often substandard, many IPP required courses are not available. This impacts all prisoners access and quality of education, but often means that IPP prisoners cannot meet the requirements of their release through no fault of their own<sup>13</sup>.
7. The total number of IPP prisoners is around between 3000 and 4000<sup>14</sup>. Releasing IPP prisoners would be create space within the prison system equivalent to at least 2 mega-prisons<sup>15</sup>.
8. Prison is an ineffective and cost-inefficient method of resolving conflicts within communities<sup>16</sup>.
9. Indefinite sentencing is unjust. Even the government agrees as IPP sentencing has been abolished. However the IPP sentences already given out were not retrospectively changed<sup>17</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/mar/14/england-and-wales-has-highest-imprisonment-rate-in-western-europe>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/mar/22/four-supersized-prisons-to-be-built-england-and-wales-elizabeth-truss-plan>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprison/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2016/01/Earning-and-spending-money-findings-paper-final-draft.pdf> 2010 figures, although this hasn't risen much.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2008/jul/28/justice.prisonsandprobation>

<sup>12</sup> <http://thejusticegap.com/2012/03/whats-an-ipp-sentence/> <http://smashipp.noflag.org.uk/>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.theopinionsite.org/ipp-prisoners-in-jail-longer-as-hmp-fails-to-provide-courses/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-40900691/prisoner-suicidal-11-years-into-10-month-jail-term> <http://smashipp.noflag.org.uk/>

<sup>15</sup> As stated in reference 2, the size of the prisons are around 1000-1500 places.

<sup>16</sup> <https://academic.oup.com/bjc/article-abstract/42/3/596/343055>

<sup>17</sup> <http://thejusticegap.com/2012/03/whats-an-ipp-sentence/>

10. The "Justice" System is not power neutral<sup>18</sup>. People from marginalised communities are more likely to end up in jail.<sup>19</sup> Any extra space gained through prison expansion will be filled with trans, queer, black, disabled, women, and working class prisoners
11. Access to quality education is a human right which should be upheld everywhere, including within prisons and young offenders institutes.
12. Education has transformative and rehabilitative potential.

### NEC Resolves:

1. The NUS should campaign for a moratorium on prison expansion.
2. The NUS should campaign for the release of all IPP prisoners who have served their original tariff.
3. The NUS should work with prisoners and other detained people to establish students unions within prisons and young offenders institutions with full NUS membership.
4. The NUS should lobby the Home Office and individual prison governors to drop restrictive rules on prisoner organising.

### Motion 5: SWP rape apologism

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Ellen Jones
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Rob Young, Izzy Lenga, Tom Campbell, Emily Chapman
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

### NEC Believes:

1. In 2016 NUS UK held a national demo under the title 'United for Education', at which the SWP were present, talking to constituent members of NUS and handing out SWP branded placards.
2. Many women sabbatical officers and students have spoken about how they would prefer NUS leadership not to share a platform with the SWP.
3. There are groups of students and sabbatical officers across the UK who work hard to try and stop the SWP from coming or being invited to their campus.

### NEC Further Believes:

1. It is alleged that the SWP have a history of rape apologism.<sup>20</sup>

### NEC Resolves:

1. For the Vice President Welfare to create materials that advise students about the history of the SWP, why NUS does not support them and why not to pick up their placards, and circulate them to Students' Unions.

<sup>18</sup> Foucault, M. (2012). *Discipline & punish: The birth of the prison*. Vintage.

<sup>19</sup> Phillips, C., & Bowling, B. (2012). *Ethnicities, racism, crime and criminal justice* (pp. 370-97). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2013/mar/09/socialist-workers-party-rape-kangaroo-court>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/feb/08/socialist-workers-party-rape-investigation>



2. To support the efforts of sabbatical officers and students who are working to stop the SWP from being invited to their campus by producing flyers and information on their history and why not to pick up their placards.
3. NUS should do research into other anti-racist, anti-fascist groups not linked to the SWP, to distribute to NUS FTO's and Students' Unions, for them to work with as an alternative to known SWP front organization anti-racist groups.

## Amendment 5a

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Hareem Ghani
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Sarah Lasoye Amelia Horgan Shuwanna Aaron
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC
<b>Action:</b>	Delete and replace / Add

**Delete NEC believes 1-3 and replace with:**

### NEC Believes:

1. The SWP regularly turn up to nearly any and every popular cause or demonstration, including free education demonstrations in 2016, 2015 and 2014.
2. In 2013, it was alleged that abuse by 'Comrade Delta' had been covered up within the Socialist Workers Party.<sup>21</sup> In response hundreds left the party.<sup>22</sup>
3. Activists, particularly survivors of sexual violence, including student officers – both sabbatical and part-time women's officers, have organised locally and nationally against the SWP. This includes groups like SWP off Campus and Fuck the SWP.

**Add:**

### NEC Further Believes:

2. NUS must stand in solidarity with those who have experienced sexual violence. This means circulating information on the history of the SWP's supposed rape apologism, not sharing platforms or otherwise organising with them.
3. That the NUS Women's Campaign have previously led on work supporting survivors of sexual violence and/or abuse. This is not only by virtue of representing women students but additionally through the expertise and experience of activists in the campaign.

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2013/mar/09/socialist-workers-party-rape-kangaroo-court>,  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/feb/08/socialist-workers-party-rape-investigation>  
<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2014/05/comrades-war-decline-and-fall-socialist-workers-party>  
<https://www.newstatesman.com/laurie-penny/2013/01/laurie-penny-what-does-swps-way-dealing-sexual-assault-allegations-tell-us-about>  
<sup>22</sup> <http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2014/05/comrades-war-decline-and-fall-socialist-workers-party>



4. The SWP, through their front organisations, come into contact with community groups who do not necessarily have ready access to information about their history of alleged abuse. This is particularly the case for community anti-racism organisations.
5. Given that smaller community organisations are specifically targeted by SWP and front groups, the focus of our campaigning against the SWP must focus largely on educating groups and individuals rather than casting people.
6. A variety of anti-racist and anti-fascist groups have issues with accountability and safeguarding in relation to rape, sexual assault and harassment. This is not something that is limited to the SWP.

**Delete Resolves 1 and replace with:**

### NEC Resolves:

1. For funds to be allocated to the Women's Campaign from the Welfare Zone, to continue to develop and distribute materials for students and community organisations about the alleged history of the SWP, explaining why NUS does not work with them, and why students should not pick up their placards at events.
2. To distribute the Salvage Collective report and toolkit Gendered Violence in activist communities in its work on tackling rape and abuse apologetics
3. To support the efforts of officers and students organising against the SWP because of the accusations made against the SWP;
4. To provide practical support to officers and activists especially in situations where the SWP control positions in local trade unions and community organisations.
5. To ensure that NUS officers do not speak at SWP events or events run by their fronts<sup>23 24</sup>

### Motion 6: Rise for Rohingya

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Ilyas Nagdee
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Yinbo Yu, Hareem Ghani, sarh Lasoye, Krum Tashev, Rachel O'Brien, Jess Bradley, Ali Milani, Piers Wilkinson, Zamzam Ibrahim
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

### NEC Believes:

1. The last few years have brought to attention the horrific and ongoing genocide of the Rohingya Muslims taking place in Myanmar<sup>25</sup>;

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/donald-trump-socialist-workers-party-swp-stand-up-to-racism-kangaroo-court-a7563191.html>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyvgejZcFEk>,  
<https://twitter.com/antiracismday/status/604613398832287744>  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/confronting-the-rise-in-racism-stand-up-to-racism-national-conference-2016-tickets-26640628838#>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/11/un-myanmars-treatment-of-rohingya-textbook-example-of-ethnic-cleansing>

2. Since the start of the violence thousands of Rohingya have been indiscriminately killed<sup>26</sup>
3. Over 250'000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh in the last few weeks alone<sup>27</sup>
4. The violence there is aimed at wiping out the Rohingya Muslims and is being perpetrated by Buddhist extremists aided by the military army<sup>28</sup>;
5. Several organisations have reported on the complicity of the UK Government through arms deals;
6. That the genocide is a systematic campaign to ethnically cleanse the Rohingya people on the basis of their ethnic group
7. To recognise that the genocide of the Rohingya people is also rooted in Islamophobia;
8. To acknowledge the gendered dimension of the genocide, for example the widespread and ongoing rape of Rohingya women by Myanmar military

### NEC Resolves:

1. To endorse the #RiseForRohingya Movement set up by student activists
2. For the NUS to support the creation of societies devoted to campaigning against the Rohingya genocide - similar to the society at Queen Mary, University of London
3. To endorse the demands of the Rise For Rohingya Campaign listed below;
4. To campaign for the UK to implement international sanctions on those responsible for the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya people;
5. To campaign for unrestricted delivery of humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees both internally and externally displaced<sup>29</sup>;
6. To push the UK government to urge Bangladesh and India to provide assistance to refugees and open their borders to those fleeing violence;
7. To lobby the UK provide resources for LEDC countries (like Bangladesh) so they can host Rohingya refugees

### Motion 7: General Election

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Robbie Young
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Tara Alade, Lucy Mason, Ellen Jones, Tom Campbell, Emily Horsfall, Joe Cox, Darren Clarke, Fiona Wood, Izzy Lenga, Jess Levy
<b>Committees:</b>	NEC

### NEC Believes:

1. A snap General Election was called by Prime Minister Theresa May for 8th June 2017.

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/burma-rohingya-muslims-crackdown-government-crackdown-campaign-reuters-un-report-a7570116.html>

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/rohingya-crisis-370-000-refugees-flee-myanmar-bangladesh-n800551>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/burma-rohingya-muslims-genocide-soldiers-burn-bodies-massacre-evidence-crackdown-minority-a7927981.html>;  
<http://america.aljazeera.com/opinions/2015/2/myanmars-buddhist-terrorism-problem.html>;  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/21/world/asia/extremism-rises-among-myanmar-buddhists-wary-of-muslim-minority.html>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/burma-rohingya-crisis-myanmar-army-uk-training-boris-johnson-urged-end-a7937361.html>; <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/dse-2017-michael-fallon-uk-burma-myanmar-military-training-rohingya-muslims-ethnic-cleansing-un-a7944346.html>

2. After work by groups including NUS and Students' Unions in voter registration drives, over 2 million young people registered to vote.
3. This led to record youth turnout for a General Election where turnout for 18-24 year olds was believed to be 66.4%<sup>30</sup>.
4. Theresa May remained as Prime Minister after the General Election despite losing the Conservative majority in the House of Commons and is relying on the DUP in a confidence and supply arrangement.

### **NEC Further Believes:**

1. This election showed that young people's voices should no longer be ignored, in the media, in Parliament or in society.
2. Whilst a majority of students voted Labour<sup>31</sup>, it is important that NUS builds relationships with the Government and on a cross party basis with all parties to get the best deal for students.

### **Resolves:**

1. To continue the campaign for Votes at 16 led by the VP Further Education and VP Society & Citizenship to continue the case that young people need to be encouraged to take part in democracy, not kept out from it.
2. To redouble our efforts to ensure that all students are registered to vote by encouraging Universities to adopt automatic voter registration in signup forms and by running voter registration drives.
3. To build links with Parliamentarians of all parties, especially those with high student populations and those with an interest in education.

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<sup>30</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/election-results-latest-youth-vote-swings-for-labour-jeremey-corbyn-hung-parliament-a7780966.html>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/may/04/voter-registration-soars-students-backing-labour-corbyn-general-election>