

Hello, my name is Chloe-Louise Burns and I am a final year student at the University of Strathclyde. I am the treasurer of the psychology society, founder of the Estranged Students of Strathclyde (ESOS) society and I am one of the NUS delegates for Scotland and the UK from my University. I am also an estranged student who suffers from significant mental health problems. Like many students, I've faced a lot of hardship and struggles throughout my time in education. To raise awareness of this, I speak out and give feedback on policies within my course whenever possible; I have sat on panels at the Scottish parliament to raise awareness for estrangement (where my contribution has already been noted by the NUS); I am fighting for representation in my university of estranged student via ESOS; and I have attended private meetings with members of the HE system to discuss policies and improvements to be made. I am well experienced in engaging in active discussion and work to better improve policies and this is a skill that I would utilise as a member of the Scottish Executive Committee. I would bring the unique perspective of a disabled estranged student to help guide policies targeted at these groups to be the best they can be. I would support the development of policies for these groups alongside others to ensure true equality for our universities. If elected, I would fight for the improvement of leadership and policy making for all disadvantaged students.