

# VOTE ELENA SEMPLE FOR WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE



## Who runs the world? We need our FTO!

The current proposed reforms to NUS UK look de-fund the Women's Campaign in Scotland, which has been around for 15 years, and converting the role to a voluntary one.

The role has seen the hard work of previous officers support our members to combat gender based violence, work towards to end period poverty on our campuses, recognise the importance of women in STEM, etc...

If elected, my top priority will be to campaign to re-fund the role back to a FTO in Scotland. I will fight to ensure that all future reforms to NUS Scotland's Officer structure respect our movement's call for fair representation of our Liberation groups!

## #BalanceforBetter

Our movement has recognised the that our colleges and universities must lead the way in ensuring that women are represented among those making decisions at the highest level. We identify the need for action to drive gender balance across all levels of representation to close the gender parity gap. While we have made strides to attempt to close this gap within our movement, the fight continues...

If elected, I will work with members and partners to provide support to ensure our self-defining students have a say in their institution's Gender Action Plans. Women make up over half of the student population, therefore our policies and the policies behind the governance of our institutions (and union!) should be reflective of that.

## Other areas to have our voices heard...

- + Period poverty is still an ongoing issue and while the government has promised another year of funding - we must continue pushing for permanent and sustainable options for our students.
- + Some women are having to choose between remaining in an abusive relationship or face homelessness. Recommendations were made to the Scottish Gov't and women along with other groups were identified to be high risk of homelessness. We must lobby to ensure the gov't action preventative measures so women can safely seek refuge and much needed support.



## About Me

Vice President Communities  
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Member of Black Students'  
Procedures Committee  
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