

NUS Delegate 2022

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NUS Conference Delegate

Dom Casoria

Manifesto

Hey, I'm Dom, a masters student, current member of the National Union of Students (NUS) National Scrutiny Council (NSC), former Grizedale President, former SU VP and previous NUS delegate.

Let's get straight into it. I'm running as NUS delegate because:

1. I want to stamp out the racism and transphobia within the NUS.
2. To make sure NUS is relevant on our campus to Lancaster students.

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NUS has a problem with racism and transphobia within the movement. Over recent years its proposed defunding of the trans campaign - which I campaigned against at the time. Equally, trans students have come under attack multiple times, locally and nationally, and the NUS has been far too silent during these times. We need people within NUS who will continue to push for the NUS trans campaign and keep trans rights a focus at the top level of NUS.

Another issue is racism. NUS has a problem with antisemitism. Over the last year, we saw a president elected who was called out for antisemitism by the Jewish community and dismissed after an independent investigation took place. This is disgusting and unacceptable. Antisemitism has no place within NUS, just like any form of racism does not have a place.

Currently, there is another investigation into the wider culture of antisemitism of NUS taking place and we are awaiting that result. As a Jewish student who has been involved in NUS for several years, it makes me disgusted at the racism that has been allowed to flourish. We NEED delegates who will stand up against this very vocally and as someone with years of experience and being a current NUS NSC member, I'll continue to stamp out all forms of racism in our movement.

It's simple, Jewish students, like myself and my friends, did not feel comfortable at the conference last year and this needs to change.

To make sure NUS is relevant on our campus to Lancaster students.

Over the years we've seen more and more disengagement with NUS from students, especially Lancaster students. The reason? NUS is out of touch and doesn't focus on the issues that students want and need them to focus on. As NUS delegate and NSC member, I constantly ask the questions on how they know students want this, or what engagement they've had to prove this should be the focus. Currently, on NSC we have been working with the NUS officers on a campaign plan around the cost-of-living crisis. This is an issue that all students care about, and as delegate/NSC member I'll continue to make sure NUS is focussing on the issues that matter to Lancaster.

The student movement is revolutionary, constantly leading the fight on progressive ideals in the sphere of politics. Now is the time for us as a movement to come together and stand up. The Conservative government is doing nothing to provide any sort of stability to students and make no mistake they are going after the student movement. We need delegates and leaders in NUS that are vocal, will submit motions, scrutinise the NUS officers and make sure the NUS is working to support our students, and students' union to deliver supportive work locally.

I'm the right person for delegate due to my years of experience being an NUS delegate from 2018-2022 and being a current member of the NUS NSC. The knowledge I have from being a SU VP, and holding the above roles, gives me a depth of understanding to make sure the NUS is getting on with the job and holding the officers to account.

Vote Dom #1 for NUS Delegate!

India Ellis

Manifesto

Hi, I'm India (she/her), I'm your current Students' Union President and I would love to represent you on a national level as your NUS Delegate. Having attended National Conference last year in Liverpool, I am well aware of the democratic shortcomings of the NUS' new governance model. Without knowing what has been discussed internally since Conference, if elected as delegate I will be keen to inquire into what changes have been

made due to feedback from last Conference and push for democratisation of the political processes. This is even more important in the wake of the dismissal of the NUS President who was elected at Conference 2022, and with the potential of electing a new President at Conference 2023 - it is clear that something isn't quite right with how the NUS is operating, and as delegate I will speak on the importance of an open, inclusive, fair and democratic National Union of Students.

As SU President, I am well positioned to keep up to date with what is worrying students. Right now, and for the foreseeable, it's all about the cost of living crisis. Students aren't sure where their next meal is coming from, if they can afford to turn the heating on, and how far into each term their money will stretch. If elected as NUS Delegate, I will ensure that the cost of living crisis is firmly on the Conference agenda, and I will be the voice in the room for Lancaster students. At present, I feel that the NUS Officers' response to the cost of living crisis has left a lot to be desired. I believe they should be using their position to campaign on a national platform for a robust package of support for students from the government, rather than the current government attitude of ignoring students entirely and not recognising them as the crisis group that they clearly are. If given a spot at conference, I will strive to challenge the NUS Executive on what their current and future plans are for campaigning for student support through the cost of living crisis, with specific focus on Northern students and the unique issues we are facing.

This is my fifth and final year of representing students at Lancaster, and I would love another opportunity to do so on a national level. Vote India Ellis #1 for NUS Delegate for pressure on democratisation of the NUS and real campaigning on the student cost of living crisis.

Noah Katz

Manifesto

I'm Noah Katz (they/them), your current VP Education. You elected me as an NUS Delegate last year and I'm standing again to carry on my work at NUS to fight for what you care about.

After the democratic farce that was last year's National Conference, I decided to run to be on the National Scrutiny Council and I was successful. I'm a true believer in the potential that NUS has to make impactful change for students but unfortunately, for whatever reason, they've not been doing it.

It's vital that there are Jewish voices in the room at National Conference and re-electing me will help to drag NUS out of the antisemitism crisis they've got themselves into.

Please Vote Noah Katz #1 NUS Delegate for the issues you care about to be represented on a national level, to continue holding NUS accountable and to keep antisemitism at bay.