Capitalism offers us a life worse than that of our parents; Capitalism has failed us.

We need radical, Socialist change, not the piecemeal offerings of 10% off at selected stores. The NUS can be a powerful organisation that can organise students, school students, young workers and apprentices into action. Yet it has become a vehicle for careerism that pays lip service to the problems faced by young people today. We need representatives that are prepared to fight for your rights and I will do just that.

I want to see the abolition of rent, free education and provision of full living grants and a fight for higher wages for apprentices and university staff and an end to casualisation. The NUS should oppose all forms of oppression and exploitation and must do this by going beyond its current lacklustre program and seek to change society. To do this, students must join the struggle of other young people and workers and together we can abolish Capitalism, nationalise the financial sector and take the wealth produced by the working class back into our own hands.

Cambridge is among the worst universities for rent prices and the cost of living. Rent must be abolished and universities must provide good quality, free accomodation. This must be combined with full living grants, allowing us to live and eat healthily, putting our wellbeing before profit! We can achieve this with nationwide rent strikes amongst the student body. It is not enough for the NUS to endorse rent strikes, it must also organise them and turn out to the labour movement in this struggle. Yet to consolidate this gain, the NUS must become actively political, affiliating with the Labour Party and the Labour movement with the ultimate aim of establishing Socialism.

Abolish tuition fees, domestic and international, and end the crisis in higher education. Capitalism is privatising education, introducing a business-model in the management of education and tuition fees. The NUS should go beyond the abolition of tuition fees and launch a campaign to end academies, root out privatisation in education and call for apprentices to be paid a living wage. We should also seek to end the casualisation of labour within universities, be it teachers, cleaners or healthcare professionals and all staff should receive at least the living wage.

We must oppose all forms of oppression and the transformation of society is key to this. I am opposed to all forms of bigotry and believe we can only eradicate it by removing a ruling class that benefits from such division! This includes fighting against attempts to deport international students or force them to leave the country once they graduate. The NUS should campaign against the discriminatory policy of Prevent and indeed it should raise awareness on issues of oppression. But it must go further and be the beginning of a radical movement that throws out the politicians, media barons and capitalists who divide us with the dissemination of this bigotry!

For an NUS that fights for us!