Matt Kite for NUS Delegate

About Me

* I am the 2018- 19 CUSU Education Officer, and worked extensively on progressive campaigns as an undergrad, on issues including Free Education, opposing the racist Prevent legislation, and cutting college rents.
* I've attended NUS Zones Conference and worked with NUS campaigns and full-time officers in my job as a sabb.
* I represent Cambridge students full-time so I have a good understanding of their views & interests.

Policies

At National Conference I will seek to support motions and candidates to best achieve the following priorities:

Free Education

* Campaign for education which is free in every sense of the word: open access to all, no tuition fees, reintroduction of maintenance grants, and a liberated & decolonised education.
* NUS must oppose the marketisation of universities rather than participating in and enabling it.
* I will oppose policies that seek to use instruments linked to marketisation such as TEF and NSS, and continue to support the NSS Boycott
* NUS responded badly to the UCU strikes, and must do more to recognise student support for staff.

Post-grads as a Priority

* Post-graduate students are increasingly treated as cash-cows by universities, as numbers increase but support does not
* PG students face the brunt of the casualisation of teaching work and are often precariously employed/contracted.
* There is a lack of support for PG students and they are often forgotten when our conversations about universities focus on undergrads.

Welfare is Political

* Pushing to continue the good work of the Welfare Zone tackling rent and other material factors that affect students as welfare issues
* Opposing the racist Prevent legislation in education, which has been harmful to BME and Muslim students.