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Education for All

This Union Notes:

1. Home students have to pay over £3,000 for their degree, and International and Post Graduate students have to pay far more
2. The current CUSU policy in favour of education free at the point of delivery
3. That the expected student debt of 2010 starters will be £25,000

This Union Believes:

1. That the current policy, of simply opposing fees without supporting an alternative method of student funding, does not go far enough
2. That education is a right not a privilege
3. Ever increasing fees are putting students into more and more debt, resulting in an increasingly market driven education system where the best places are only open to the rich
4. A University education should be open to all those who have the ability to benefit from it
5. Students should choose their University based on their academic ability, not cost
6. That education is an end in itself and is not necessarily just a means to a better paying job

This Union Resolves:

1. To campaign to raise awareness of the implications of fees and student debt
2. To encourage the NUS, the University and other partner organisations to support the campaign for education free at the point of delivery
3. To champion the NUS Blueprint Graduate Tax as a viable alternative for student funding

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