
SUPPORT OUR LECTURERS!

Join the demonstration on June 1

ENS believes that the campaign of lecturers' unions NATFHE and AUT (and, from June 1, the merged University and College Union) for decent pay deserves the full support and solidarity of all student activists, even if actions such as the boycott of marking and exams cause temporary disruption to students.

Not just because lecturers' pay has, in the words of Tony Blair, "shown practically no increase in real terms over two decades". Not just because increasing numbers of lecturers have to work for years in casualised jobs with low, hourly pay and no contract before they can get a secure position. And not even just because well-paid, well-motivated lecturers are essential if students are to get an even halfway decent education.

As student unionists, we owe solidarity to other trade unionists in struggle. If workers on our campuses force management to concede a decent pay offer, it will strengthen all struggles for a better education system, including those against top-up fees and for a living student grant.

University bosses at institutions across the country are attempting to intimidate our lecturers by suspending or docking pay. The threat of strike action by NATFHE members at Northumbria forced management to back down, but the threat remains at many other universities - including London South Bank, where the employers are threatening a 40% cut in pay for lecturers taking part in the marking boycott. The lecturers need our support.

If you support workers' right to organise and the campaign for decent pay for lecturers, come and demonstrate in London on Thursday June 1!

Assemble at 12.30pm at South Bank University, Borough Road (nearest Tube Elephant & Castle). We will set off at 1pm and march to the University and College Employers' Association in Tavistock Square (WC1) for a rally.

If you want to come, get in touch by emailing daniel.randall@nus.org.uk or ringing **07961 040 618**. For a discussion of the issues surrounding our lecturers' pay action, including an analysis of the position taken by NUS, see www.free-education.org.uk/?p=196



education not for sale
campaigning for workers' rights and
decent pay on our campuses



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for a democratic fighting NUS and a united
left in the student movement

Education Not for Sale is a network of left-wing student unionists and activists. We were founded at a conference at the University of East London in September 2005.

We want an education system and a society based on provision for human need, not regulated by the demand for private profit which is driving force of capitalism. Supporting workers in struggle for their rights, in our universities and colleges and beyond, is one of our priorities.

We stand for (from our founding statement):

» **A fight for universal, free, publicly funded, high quality, secular education** at every level, **funded by taxing the rich.**

» **An NUS which leads the fight** on issues such as top-up fees, a living maintenance grant for all students, housing and our rights at work - and student unions and an activist left which are ready to take up that fight if NUS fails to do so.

» **Campaigning unity with the trade union movement** in defence of education and public services; **consistent solidarity with working-class struggles** in Britain and worldwide.

» **Positive support for democracy**, meaning genuine popular power and control from below, and **for universal human rights** - not cultural relativism; consistent solidarity with struggles for women's and LGBT liberation and against racism.

» **Mass participation in NUS and student union campaigns** - a democratic, political national union which turns outward to the anti-war, environmentalist, global justice, anti-sweatshop and anti-capitalist movements.

» **Left unity.** The activists and organisations of the student left should unite - maximum unity in action, free and open debate about our differences and disagreements.

If you or your student union or campaigning group agree with our basic analysis of what is needed, please get in touch, work with us and join us!

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