



Referendum Proposal Form

Political policy

Referendum Title:	Should FXU support the National Demo for free education – no fees, no cuts, no debt?
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This referendum is proposed by:	A resolution of the FXU Trustees	
	A majority vote of the FXU Student Council	
	A secure petition signed by at least 100 FXU members	yes

Proposer's Details		Secunder's Details	
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100 seconds, all FXU members and current students of Falmouth & Exeter Universities were also submitted as required.

This union notes:

The current government has trebled tuition fees, scrapped Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and made cuts to Education.

At the NUS National Conference 2014, a vote was passed to “oppose and campaign against all methods of charging students for education - including tuition fees and a ‘graduate tax’” and to launch a campaign for free education.

A national demonstration has been called on Wednesday 19th November under the banner of ‘Free Education: No fees. No cuts. No debt’.

The Coalition of groups involved in calling the demonstration includes the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts (NCAFC), the Student Assembly Against Austerity (the student wing of the People’s Assembly) and the Young Greens.

This union believes:

Free education is an alternative to fees and marketization. Germany's decision to scrap tuition fees this year shows it is affordable; it is just a question of priority.

The current government had planned to privatise the student loan book before going back on the idea after national protests. With the general election taking place in May 2015, there are clear opportunities to raise the demands of the student movement and put serious pressure on MPs and prospective parliamentary candidates over the months ahead and the national student demo has a key role to play in this.

This union resolves:

- To support the national student demonstration taking place on Wednesday 19th November 2014 in central London
 - To organise transport to demonstrations to ensure the maximum participation from our university
 - To support NUS' new campaign for free education - as voted for at NUS National Conference 2014
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