



DISABLED STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE

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My Aims

To campaign for the university to plug the financial gap left by the Government's withdrawal of the DSA and to campaign for the reversal of the governments decision.

To campaign to improve the level of disabled access and support across campus.

To highlight and try to discourage the negative stigma associated with both 'hidden' disabilities such as Autistic Spectrum Disorders, and with disability as a whole.

I have challenged DMU students when they have shown prejudice and lack of understanding towards their disabled peers. As a student with ASD, I have seen firsthand the barriers and negative stigma faced by so many of my peers and have actively striven to counteract this. My involvement in the Marxist Society has been specifically to raise these issues as part of my commitment to equality in general.

I would like to have a commitment from the university to ensure that all future buildings are planned to avoid physical barriers to access and that all old buildings are brought up to similar access standards as soon as possible. I would

also like to have a DMUGlobal commitment to provide support for students who are abroad on trips including study support. I would further like to consult and have meetings with either the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor in order to draw out plans for the next steps following the withdrawal of the Disabled Students' Allowance.

NUS DELEGATE

I would like to run as an NUS delegate as i feel that NUS needs to be committed to fighting for the reinstatement of the DSA through a robust campaign including a national day of action. I want to see NUS become a fighting, democratic union committed to the abolition of tuition fees and the restoration of student grants to 1979 levels.