

Don't Go, Vote No – why Winchester SU should stay in NUS

What is NUS?

NUS is the national voice of students and our sole mission is to win for students. We bring together more than 400 students' unions across the country, who represent 4 million students, and campaigning through one national collective makes us a huge and powerful force for change.

How is NUS fighting for students?

NUS UK campaigns on the big issues impacting your time at university; from student funding and poverty, to housing and international students' rights.

This year NUS **won a 3.1% increase** to the maintenance loan. We're currently campaigning to get even more money in students' pockets, by taking action on the minimum wage and transforming the student funding system, and securing cheaper transport. We're also fighting for no more guarantors, to remove the barriers students face in securing a home.

Being a member of NUS is about working together. The more of us there are, the more impact we can have. And with a new Government it's never been more important.

What has NUS UK won for students like me?

- Won **£580 million** in financial support for students in during the cost of living crisis.
- Secured £115 million in hardship funding to students in England over the past 5 years, of which **£73,000 came to Winchester students.**
- Won almost **43% increase** to the apprentice minimum wage
- Put £800 million back into students' pockets by pushing for rent refunds and student support over the pandemic. With almost **£462,000 for students at Winchester**
- **Saved the Graduate Route Visa** for international students. NUS got the last Prime Minister to back down on plans to get rid of the two-year visa.
- Got Non-Disclosure Agreements that silence victims of sexual violence at university **banned**

- New legal protections for student renters in England
- Won **£3 million** of funding to tackle student mental health in England
- NUS has been winning for students for 103 years – it's because of NUS that **students don't have to pay council tax.**

You can read more about NUS UK's achievements in our **impact** report.

Vote No to leaving NUS - let's continue fighting for a strong student voice and a better world together.