

# ELECT MYRIAM VP FURTHER EDUCATION

#MYRIAM4VPFE



For most of my life I've struggled against racism within education. I've been to school in Italy, France and Britain and in all of these places I've had to deal with intense racist abuse, bullying and discrimination. It made me feel that the education system was not the place for me.

Getting involved with my Students' Union and NUS was a powerful reminder that there was another way. I was inspired by how collective power can challenge the injustices we see and fight for progressive change.

With Brexit, Trump, rising racism and massive cuts to further education - a lifeline for millions - we now more than ever need NUS to help us come together to defend students and all of the progressive gains we've made over generations.

We must resist and fight to save our futures.

Myriam x

## My experience:

- President of Lewisham Southwark College Students' Union
- NUS Black Students' Campaign Committee
- NUS International Students' Campaign Committee
- Collected aid for refugees in Calais
- Activist in the movements against cuts, racism, climate change and war

# SAVE FE - NO CUTS - FREE EDUCATION

Further Education is threatened by massive government cuts and college closures. Cuts to financial support for FE students mean we are struggling to cover travel costs, food and other bills. We need to build a huge movement to defend FE and stop the cuts.

NUS also needs to lead the fight to defend students and education in the Brexit negotiations against Theresa May's reckless plans. I'll lead an NUS which opposes rising racism, hate crime and fights to protect jobs, living standards and vital funding the EU currently gives colleges and universities.

## ELECT ME AND I WILL:

- Build a huge movement to fight the cuts to FE across the UK: National demos, days and weeks of action, lobbying, petitions, peaceful direct action and creative stunts
- Campaign for free education - no cuts, fees and debt
- Pounds in our pocket - bring back EMA and grants for adult learners
- Fight austerity - for a living wage, affordable housing & lower travel costs



"Miriam has been at the forefront of fighting racism and cuts. She will be a strong voice for all FE students"

**Edem Barbara Ntumy**  
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# BUILDING OUR REPRESENTATION

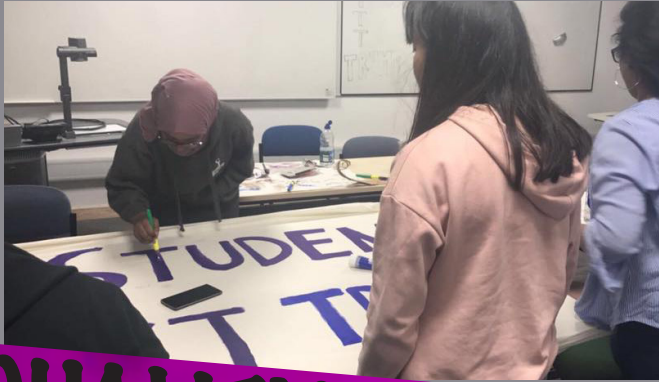
**Further Education** students are the majority of NUS members yet we are grossly under-represented. Our Students' Unions are under-funded and under-developed.

We need stronger and better supported FE Students' Unions and more representation within NUS. As NUS Vice President Further Education I'll champion the voice of FE students within NUS and support Students' Unions to amplify our voice within the movement.



**ELECT ME AND I WILL:**

- **Launch a new campaign** 'For a Full Time Sabbatical Officer on every FE campus' and lobby colleges to provide the resources for this to happen
- Help you build FE representation on your campus: more activities, more funding, more campaigns, more support
- Increase the number of FE students within NUS, from the Nations to the Liberation Campaigns
- Support apprentices getting more involved in NUS and campaign for better pay and working conditions



# EQUALITY AND LIBERATION

**I stand for** an NUS that challenges bigotry and discrimination.

As a member of the NUS Black Students' Campaign I've campaigned against the Islamophobic 'Prevent' agenda, supported Black Lives Matter and collected aid for refugees in Calais. I've fought attacks on international students and immigrants including mobilising for the One Day Without Us day. of action.

**ELECT ME AND I WILL:**

• **Build united campaigns against racism:** work with the Federation Of Student Islamic Societies & the Union of Jewish Students to challenge Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

- **Launch a new campaign tackling racist harassment and campus bullying** which are impacting on students mental health, and campaign against racist stop and search.
- **Support international students:** defend EU students' right to stay, fight unfair visas and NHS charges
- **Tackling the causes of knife crime:** poverty, racism and lack of opportunities
- **Support the NUS Liberation Campaigns:** Help students create Liberation Officers in FE unions - no to racism, sexism, disability discrimination and LGBTphobia

# STOP TRUMP: GLOBAL PEACE & JUSTICE

It is vital that students take part in the growing global movement against Donald Trump and his politics of division and hate. I stand for:

- Stop climate chaos - for green and sustainable campuses
- Justice for Palestine - everyone has a right to education
- Fund education not war and nuclear weapons

