

AGAINST CUTS TO EDUCATION POLICY

Title:	Against Cuts to Education	Date of Student Council:	07/02/17
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Union Notes:

- The cost of university tuition fees is set to go up to £9, 250 by 2017 and £9,500 by 2018. (<http://www.anglia.ac.uk/student-life/help-with-finances/uk-eu-undergraduate>)
- The government has scrapped maintenance grants which takes away financial support from eligible students. (<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2016/aug/01/maintenance-grants-scrapped-for-poorest-students>)
- By 2020, spending for students in education is to fall by 7% per pupil. (<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/apr/15/secondary-schools-sharpest-cuts-funding-since-1970s-thinktank>)
- Since 2010 teachers have had to suffer a pay freeze and others are subject cuts to pay by 10% – 15%. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/teachers-demand-an-end-to-the-public-sector-pay-freeze-10159903.html>
- By 2020 there will be a total of £600 million in cuts to education. (<http://www.sec-ed.co.uk/news/fears-over-impact-of-600m-cut-to-education-services-grant-1/>)
- Area reviews are having negative effects on schooling. There will also be cuts for many further education institutions. (<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/articles/feunplugged-it-s-time-to-fight-back-for-fe>)

Union Believes:

- The rise in tuition fees will leave students in much larger debt when leaving university and people will be less inclined to join universities because they feel they cannot afford it on top of other costs.
- The proposed Teaching Excellence Framework will lead to more expensive education for students and could cause the closure of numerous colleges due to the effect of league tables.
- The total working hours for teachers goes beyond the typical school hours and with the addition of pay freezes and cuts will lead to a lack of interest for people to enter teaching and other education professions.
- A £600 million cut will limit the effectiveness of schools through a lack of resources and could lead to the closure of schools who are not financially stable enough to be maintained
- These cuts are leading to cuts and closures of libraries and librarians; meaning schools are losing access to school and public libraries reducing the access to further knowledge and developing reading skills.
- Area reviews are ignoring exclusion in schools which only strengthens bullying and exclusion in schools. This negatively impacts the access and effectiveness of education for a large number of students, creating a large divide in society.
- Cuts to education affect the wellbeing of students within the classroom by taking away the accessibility of purchasing resources for the school.
- ARU Students' Union has already taken stands against the proposition of increased tuition fees and the Teaching Excellence Framework.

Union Resolves:

- To stand and campaign against all proposed cuts to the education field.
- To support student campaigns against cuts to prospective education and teacher training students.
- To support local community campaigns against cuts to education.
- To liaise with local teacher's union groups to strengthen the knowledge base.