

#### Union Notes

1. That the Union has a responsibility to protect the welfare and security of all of its members.
2. That the NUS has a 'No-Platform Policy'

#### Union Believes

1. That debate and discussion is a valuable asset to the educational and cultural experience provided at the university and should generally be maintained and encouraged.
2. That freedom of speech is an important right and should be respected.
3. That there is a difference between preventing freedom of speech, and avoiding the promotion of speakers who are very likely to incite hatred on the grounds of religion, race, sexuality or along other lines.
4. That therefore, freedom of speech can be respected and maintained, whilst actively not giving a high-profile platform to an individual who is very likely to incite hatred or has been known to have incited hatred on the grounds of religion, race, and sexuality or along other lines.
5. That race-, sexuality-, or religion-related hate crimes increase when speakers with extremely racist, homophobic, or fascist views are actively given a high-profile platform and this presents a very real risk to students.
6. That all students have the right to study in a safe environment in which they do not feel threatened on the grounds of their race, sexuality or religion.
7. That organisations that provide a platform to these speakers, could be seen as endorsing their views.
8. That permitting these individuals and organisations to have a platform on our campuses undermines our responsibility to the welfare and safety of our students and our commitment to opposing racism, fascism and homophobia.

#### Union Resolves

1. To actively campaign against any organisations that seek to provide a platform to groups and/or organisations that pose a threat to the welfare or security of our members.
2. To organise a memorandum of cooperation with the University Secretary to ensure that both are in agreement with the types of organisations that are likely to cause a threat.
3. To create a list of organisations that should be placed on that will be campaigned against and not allowed to take part in Union events.
4. That this list may be added to and organisations removed from time to time by Union Council in order to be kept up to date.
5. To widely distribute the No Platform Policy and make copies available from all our offices and the Internet as well as making all employees of the Union aware of it.
6. That if an individual is likely to incite hatred and has been known to have incited hatred on the grounds of religion, race or sexuality or along other lines

then action can and will be taken against them if there is significant evidence to expect this.

7. To produce a report titled “Anglia Ruskin Students’ Union – Equality Counts” to explain the importance of both no platform and fighting against prejudice in all its forms
8. To create an initial list of organisations to include:
  - i. Hizb-ut-Tahrir
  - ii. The BNP
  - iii. The National Front
  - iv. The White Wolves
  - v. Combat 18
  - vi. The Storm Front
  - vii. Al-Muhajiroun
  - viii. The EDL