

Preamble:

NUS has called for a national lobby of parliament, a week of action and a national student walkout; and the UCU, lecturers union, has announced its next day of industrial action.

We should be supporting these actions as fundamental actions to reversing the governments' disastrous attacks on our education and on our lecturers. There are also plans for a feeder march to the lobby of parliament – we should also support this as key to increasing the visibility of the protest.

Mass action by students and workers can make massive changes to government policy – student action has made the government drop its HE white paper, and whilst many of the changes will still take place in universities this gives students unions a monumental opportunity to continue fighting wholeheartedly against this privatisation.

Margaret Thatcher's Poll Tax was withdrawn in the 1980s/90s after mass action by eighteen million people refusing to pay – this mass organised action is the example we need to take if we are going to defeat these massive attacks on our education.

Motion:**This Union notes:**

1. The UCU has called its next day of industrial action over pensions on March 1st
2. The NUS has called a national lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 7th March 2012 against changes in fees, education cuts, and the debt regime
3. Further, NUS has called a week of action from March 12-16th and for a national student walk-out this term.

Further notes:

1. The 52,000 strong national demonstration called by UCU and NUS in November 2010 was the largest education demonstration to date.

This Union believes:

1. The fight over pensions is central to the fight against the HE White Paper as both seek to drive down labour costs. Private providers, for example, have warned Willetts that the HE market is inaccessible due to the current public sector pensions scheme
2. The lobby is an important opportunity to show students' continued opposition to the government in the face of the indefinite postponement of the HE Bill
3. The call for a national student walk-out represents a real shift from NUS in regards to

the tactics it employs.

Further believes:

1. We are strongest when the official unions such as NUS and UCU alongside the unofficial networks such as the National Shop Stewards Network, the Coalition of Resistance, Right to Work, the Education Activists Network, the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts and Youth Fight for Jobs and Education mobilise and act together.

This Union resolves:

1. To join others in calling for student strikes on the respective days of industrial action taken by UCU and other unions.
2. To welcome NUS's call for a national lobby and support the call for a feeder march on the day of the national NUS lobby, and work together to ensure that maximum turnout for the day.
3. To welcome NUS's call for a week of action and help to co-ordinate in local university/colleges general union meetings and student assemblies and meetings to discuss what the most effective strategy and tactics for that week are.