

## **No Platform Policy**

### **WHAT:**

1. To not allow any individual who is known to hold prejudiced views to speak at union events.
2. To not allow any individual who is known to hold prejudiced views to distribute any written or recorded material in the union which expresses those views.
3. Unless said individual already has a public platform; no elected officer of the union will speak on a platform with an individual who is known to hold prejudiced views.

### **WHY:**

1. Prejudice is still rife in society and that it should be confronted wherever it is found.
2. Students and students' unions have a long proud record of achievement in the fight against prejudice and discrimination.
3. In line with the union's equal opportunities policy, and the Public Order Act.
4. The union should campaign to combat prejudice and a no platform policy is a key element in this.
5. That no platform safeguards a safe space for students from being subjected to prejudice.
6. If people take issue with what no platform amounts to, it is the responsibility of the executive to promote and explain it.
7. That the university has in the past invited fascist BNP councillors onto campus to discuss local government.

### **Stuff for Officers to do:**

1. To widely publicise this policy, not only to members but to all stakeholders including the university – particularly pushing the university to adopt a similar policy.
2. To incorporate the No Platform Policy into the Union's disciplinary procedure and use it accordingly.
3. To use the NUS's list of banned organisations, to which the executive with approval by council, can add to in line with local or national changes.

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