

## **Motion of No Platform for Fascists**

### **Creation of Policy**

#### **This Union Notes:**

1. That that student movement has a long and proud record of challenging fascism.
2. SURHUL is no different and has run several anti-intolerance/anti-fascist campaigns in the past, supporting anti-fascist demos.

#### **This Union Believes:**

1. That, unfortunately, fascism is on the rise across Europe and in certain areas of society and that it should be confronted wherever it is found.
2. That in line with the Students' Unions equal opportunities policy, the Union should be at the forefront of campaigns to combat prejudice on the form of ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religious belief.
3. That a no platform for fascists policy is a key element in the fight against fascism on campus.
4. That a no platform for fascists policy compliments equal opportunities policies and the Public Order Act.
5. That no platform for fascists policies safeguard its members from fascists who have a long history of violently attacking Jewish, Black, LGBT, women, disabled people and all those who oppose them.
6. Students' Unions have an obligation to protect their members from physical harm and emotional harm particularly in terms of hatred based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality or disability.
7. That fascists organisations in the UK include, but are not necessarily limited to The British National Party, The English Defence League, The British Freedom Party, The National Front, and True Brits.

#### **This Union Resolves**

1. Not to invite any visitor who is known to hold an affiliation to any fascist organisation from entering Union premises.
2. Not to allow any individual who is known to hold an affiliation to any fascist organisation to speak at a Union event.
3. Not to allow any individual who is who is known to hold an affiliation to any fascist organisation from distributing any written or recorded material in the Union, or through Union platforms, which expresses those views.

4. That no elected officer of the Union will speak on a platform with an individual who is known to hold an affiliation to any fascist organisation.

5. That the President or chair of a society/meeting may decide whether an organisation –if not listed above – is a fascist organisation or not and whether the individual indeed holds a clear affiliation. This must be reported to the Vice President (Student Activities) who, along with the Student Activities Committee, will uphold or reject that decision. Any student can call upon the Vice President (Student Activities) to justify this decision to a general meeting.

**This Union Mandates**

1. That resolutions 1-5 shall be known as the Union’s “No Platform for Fascists Policy” and that the union chair shall write them into an appropriate part of the constitution, to be approved by the Executive Committee.

2. For the Union Chair to also write the No Platform for fascists Policy into the Union’s disciplinary procedure and for the Executive Committee to enforce accordingly.

3. The Vice President (Student Activities) to inform all clubs and societies of this policy.

**Proposed:**

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**Seconded:**

Jamie S Green, *Vice President (Communications and Campaigns)*