

For a Bold UCLU that Stands up for All Our Rights:

VOTE

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My Core Values:

A well-run, representative union
- Recently, the very democracy of UCLU has come under threat.

UCLU should stand up for our rights and liberties. We need to maintain and improve the Union's focus on liberation campaigns, for women's rights and minorities. Everybody should have an equal chance at university and in life in general. UCLU also needs to continue to represent students mistreated by UCL and to demand workers' rights, rent cuts and divestment from fossil fuels. UCLU should be moral and bold in its actions, opposing oppression and exploitation on campus and beyond – and pressure UCL to do the same.

I believe in social justice and equality and that changing the world requires tenacity, courage, knowledge and radical action. As my past campaigns show, I don't just talk – I take action! I stand up for students' rights, and this is the mentality I'll bring to UCLU.

My experience:

I'm a history student from West London in the Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Before going to UCL I worked in a call centre and as a hospital porter and a charity collector. I have years of campaigning experience as a union rep, political

activist and civil society organiser. I founded the Union campaign for lower rent and last year I was awarded "UCLU Officer of the Year" for my work as Halls Representative and Faculty Rep. I was also the Social Committee President at Langton Close 2013-14.



Supporters:

- Tom Robinson, LGBT+ Students' Officer
- Raquel Palmeira, UCLU Faculty Representative
- Thines Ganeshamoorthy, Disabled Students' Officer
- Racheal Barber, Dancing Society President
- James Yan, International Relations Society President
- Yudi Kong, SSEES Students' Committee
- Beth Parkin, Fossil Free UCL
- Jeff Gu, UCLU Men's Rugby Welfare & Communications Officer
- Yash Mishra, Vegetarian Society President
- Angus O'Brien, UCL Cut The Rent Campaign

1. Sustainability: Save UCLU from further cuts!

I will demand that UCL immediately brings Union funding into line with what we need to prevent further cuts to our representation, clubs, societies and student services. This is the only way to guarantee sustainable Union finances without risking more cuts.

2. Engagement:

More student space!

Along with cutting our budget, UCL has taken away space from students – including The Garage Theatre. Rehearsal rooms are oversubscribed and we are forced into temporary venues and Wednesday lectures. I'll work to guarantee more student-run space, and campaign for new UCL projects – the Student Centre and UCL East – to have Union spaces. The Institute of Education shouldn't lose any bars or student facilities either and I'll push for room booking reforms for an effective and democratic use of space for students and societies.

3. Outreach:

Free Education! – Tax the Rich!

Giving everybody equal access to education is about more than cutting fees and debt and a fair distributing of wealth. We need to cut the rent in student accommodation – at UCL and across London – and fight government cuts to Disabled Students' Allowance. At UCL a lot can be done to reduce the exploitative fees paid by overseas students and postgrads. I will fight for UCL to put social justice, equal opportunities and the needs of students ahead of profit and government interests!