

# "Scrap tuition fees" say Greens

Sheffield Green Party has spoken out against Government plans for university students to pay up to £9,000 a year in tuition fees. The Greens argue that increased fees will place an unfair burden on young people, particularly those from low income households.

**Cllr Jillian Creasy** says "Higher education is a right that should be available to all. Before the General Election, I & many other parliamentary candidates signed an NUS pledge to oppose tuition fee rises. But, of course, it was the last Labour Government that gave the green light to previous increases in fees."

**Cllr Jillian Creasy** speaking at the anti-cuts rally at Sheffield University on October 23rd



## FACTFILE

**The Greens are now the only Westminster political party that support free education for all.**

We propose a business education tax levied on the top 4% of UK companies. This would generate enough annually to abolish tuition fees and take public investment in higher education up to the average in comparable countries.

We are the only party proposing investment in job creation instead of public service cuts as the best route out of recession and towards long-term economic stability. Funding this by savings from scrapping Trident, ID cards and road building, plus higher taxes on the highest incomes.

Before the General Election, all current Lib Dem MPs, including Nick Clegg, signed the NUS pledge to vote against any increase in tuition fees.

The University of Sheffield Green Party Society is fighting for a fair deal for current and future students. Find us on Facebook or ring Laura on 07837 521226. Check out [www.younggreens.org.uk](http://www.younggreens.org.uk).

## Young Greens Condemn Rise in Tuition Fees



Young Greens Co-Chair **Sam Coates** (pictured left) says :

"It's outrageous that the Coalition Government is even thinking about raising tuition fees, let alone doubling or tripling them. This amounts to a tax on students. The amount of student debt this rise will bring, along with the lack of affordable housing and high youth unemployment, is driving the gap between the generations even wider.

With the jobs market so tough for young people, a degree is looking more and more essential. Only by removing tuition fees can we expect young people to enter university without the thought of massive student debt on graduation on their minds."

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Students and European citizens can vote in the council elections if they are registered in Sheffield.

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