



## Goldsmiths Students' Union Policy

### Goldsmiths Students' Union Student Assembly

**Motion Proposed by Alex Etches (Campaigns Coordinator)**

**Motion Seconded by Howard Littler (President)**

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#### **Motion title:**

#### **Power to All Students and Staff**

#### **Union Believes:**

- Universities are not simply service providers, they are education institutions which should be run in the interests of students and staff.
- Education is a right not a privilege and should be funded through progressive taxation.
- Students and staff are the best people to run the university and it would be in students interests to abolish management in favour of a democratic decision making body.

#### **Union Notes:**

- The changes to university funding pushed through in 2011 mean that the majority of university funding is made up of student debt.
- It is in student's interests to have well paid and motivated staff, forcing them to strike to defend their pensions and pay is unacceptable to the student body.
- UCU, the representative body for academic staff, is balloting for strike action in defence of their pensions.

#### **Union Resolves:**

- Use any relevant means necessary to aid the staff in their strike action in defence of their conditions.
- Campaign with the campus trade unions for a democratically run university in which students and staff have the final say in how funding is allocated. Do this through transitional demands which increase the student and staff representation on management committees.