

## **SUARTS POLICY | ARTS REPRESENTATION AT NUS**

### **This Union Notes:**

1. Arts students are in a worse financial position after graduating than people with 2 A-levels or equivalent, and most other groups of HE students.
2. Many art and design courses have higher material costs (hidden course costs) than courses in other disciplines.
3. Student debt is a serious problem, and Arts students are in a unique situation.

### **This Union believes:**

1. Arts Students are under represented in national student politics.
2. The NUS has no policy on Arts students specifically.
3. Arts students have no direct voice within NUS for their concerns about HE Funding, and its effects on Arts students.
4. Other specialist groups (e.g. Nurses) have members of the National Executive Committee who look after their interests, and voice their concerns – e.g. the NUT Scholarship and NEC responsibilities for Medical and Nursing students.

### **This Union Resolves to:**

1. Put forward enough motions to NUS Annual Conference 2009 to ensure that policy is passed in order to better the representation of Arts students within NUS.
2. To ensure that the following is part of SUArts' education zone motion to NUS Annual Conference:

#### *Conference Resolves:*

*To add a new NEC Responsibility of Arts Students to be allocated to a member of the NEC each year.*

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