

**COUNCIL**  
17/10/06



## **No Platform**

### **Council Notes**

1. Motion entitled 'Racism and Fascism' passed by General Meeting on 25 September 1974.
2. Motion entitled 'Racism and Fascism' passed by General Meeting on 27 September 1977.
3. Motion entitled 'Racism and Fascism' passed by General Meeting on 22 February 1982.
4. Motion entitled 'Racism and Fascism' passed by General Meeting on 7 October 1986.
5. Motion entitled 'Anti Racism' proposed at Annual General Meeting on 12 October 2000.
6. The National Union of Students' Policy of No Platform

### **Council Further Notes**

1. That a 'No Platform' policy means not sharing a public platform with racists or fascists therefore denying such groups the opportunity to promote their views.
2. The above motions have become known as a 'No Platform' Policy.
3. SUSA does not currently have a formal 'No Platform' Policy.
4. The current list of organisations with whom the National Union of Students will not share a platform

### **Council Believes**

1. That racism and fascism are still prevalent in some aspects of society.
2. That racism and fascism should be confronted wherever they are found.
3. That Students' Associations, including SUSA, have a proud record of achievement in the fight against racism and fascism.
4. That SUSA should be at the forefront of campaigns to combat prejudice on the form of ethnic origin or religious belief.
5. That a No Platform policy will underline our commitment to Equal Opportunities and safe space.

### **Council Further Believes**

1. That a 'No Platform' policy would help protect the members of the Association from bigotry and hatred of racists and fascists.
2. That there may be some confusion amongst members about what a 'No Platform' policy is and that it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to educate members on the issues surrounding a no platform policy.
3. That having one clear and concise policy of 'No Platform' will be a key element in the fight against racism on campus.

### **Council Instructs**

1. That this motion be adopted as a 'No Platform' policy.
2. That it replace all the motions noted in 'Council Notes' 1 – 5.
3. That SUSA and it's membership services shall not share a platform with any organisation deemed to be racist or fascist by the National Union of Students.

Proposed on October 9th, 2006

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