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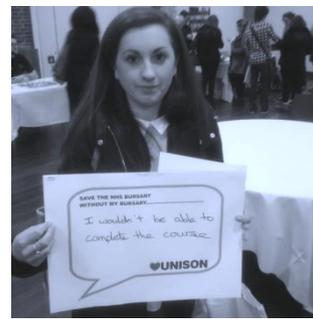
Save the NHS Bursary: Lobby Parliament

Trade unions like UNISON do far more than just look after you if you get into trouble. UNISON, along with the NUS and other organisations, will be lobbying the government on the 25th May to oppose the removal of the NHS Bursary for healthcare students.



Removal of the bursary in August 2017 will leave students in over 50k of debt, which many will never be able to afford to pay back. When 50% of the course is spent on placement (in effect working for free), and with a starting salary typically £7,000 less than other graduates, it is not surprising that many students said that without the bursary they would not have opted for a healthcare course.

Replacing the bursary system with loans will put off many potential students, not encourage more people into our caring professions. Show the government what we all know: that for many a career in nursing or healthcare would not be possible without the bursary.



I wouldn't be able to complete the course.



I wouldn't be here starting my PG Dip course.



It's the difference between being employed or an unemployment statistic.



I would struggle financially (I've already had to get a part time job).

Help Defend Nursing Your future

Attacks on the NHS Bursary are part of larger attacks on the NHS. UNISON wants you to graduate into a NHS fit for purpose – but we need you to help.

Attend the lobby:

UNISON, along with the NUS and other unions, will be lobbying Government on the 25th May to oppose the removal of the NHS Bursary for healthcare students as from 2017. For more details Email t.lambert@unison.co.uk

You can also:

Become a UNISON Student Nurse Rep: Email t.lambert@unison.co.uk for more information.

Send us a selfie: Using the #bursaryorbust tag. Tweet a selfie and how the bursary has helped you. Or if you're not on Twitter, email us and we'll do it for you: t.lambert@unison.co.uk.

Pass this newsletter to another Student Nurse: Help spread the word about our bursary campaign by passing this newsletter to a friend.

An NHS Fit for You

When you graduate, UNISON wants you to work in an NHS that is fit for purpose. World class public services are something that your union fights for everyday.

As the on-going junior doctors dispute shows, trade unions exist to help you defend your terms and conditions.

But the doctors have also highlighted the role that all trade unions play in defending the NHS against unsafe government cuts.

Against the backdrop of a government that wants the NHS to fail, our organisations are committed to an NHS that is fit for purpose.



UNISON wants you to graduate and have a successful career providing care in a health service that has fair pay and humane terms and conditions – whilst remaining true to its original vision of universal health care, free at the point of need.



These are difficult times for staff in the public sector. But imagine what conditions would be like without the 1.4 million UNISON members lobbying and campaigning for world class public services. These are the same services that you will graduate into.

UNISON is supporting its members in protecting this vision. We campaign in your workplace and in parliament, in the Trade Union Congress (TUC) and in the EU for the benefit of our members. But ultimately, all of the work your union undertakes is work defending your future.

That's why UNISON is supporting the junior doctors, and our union offered encouragement to junior doctors across the country. The head of UNISON, general secretary Dave Prentis (pictured) visited doctors at his local hospital in Barnet. He made the link between attacks on workers rights, the broader mismanagement of the NHS and the removal of the NHS bursary clear:

UNISON stands behind the junior doctors as they stand up for their rights at work and for patient safety, but unfortunately these attacks will come as no surprise to student nurses. They are already on the receiving end of one of George Osborne's most foolish cuts – the removal of the student nursing bursary... They will stand side by side with them against a government that is cutting them both adrift.

Get active

UNISON is a member led union. We are at our strongest when our members get involved and have a say in what issues we campaign around. There are lots of ways to get involved.

When you qualify

Become a full member of the union when you qualify. Please don't forget to update your membership to ensure that you are a 'full' member. Ensure you don't find yourself in a situation where we can't help you when you need us most.

Young Members

Our young members are a very active part of our union so if you are under 27 why not get involved in young members' events and campaigns. Find out more at bit.ly/1qoMeZ5

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