



Ethical Investment in education

Conference Believes;

NUS believes that the funding of education is in crisis.

Educational institutions are increasingly looking to the private sector for alternative sources of income.

Investments cannot be looked upon; purely for their financial gain there are non-economic factors to consider.

Companies see many opportunities in our education whether it is investment in our institutions, research opportunities or recruitment of our graduates.

NUS has always had and will continue to have strong beliefs in transparency, information sharing and accountability encompassed in a social and moral responsibility. However, many companies who have interests in our education do not share these beliefs.

Further Believes;

All Students', Students' Unions and institutions have choices when making purchasing decisions.

Students', as stakeholders in their education have a right to know how institutions are investing their money and where investment is coming from.

Students have a huge influence on the economy and wider capitalist society therefore a responsibility to it as an ethical consumer and a driving force for change.

Conference resolves;

NUS believes that education can continue to exist without excepting money from unethical sources.

NUS must campaign for the Higher Education Funding Council, Further Education Funding Council and Universities UK to adopt an ethical investment policy in regards to all aspects of college finances.

NUS must support Students' Unions in setting a strong example on ethical and environmental issues and purchasing, through the reinvigoration of 'Planet Pledge' and information on initiatives such as ethical banking and 'Do it for the Planet'.

NUS must accept its responsibility to educate its members in the area of ethical and environmental purchasing and lifestyle choices.