

About NUS-USI



Union of Students in Ireland
Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn



About NUS-USI:Membership

- Over 200,000 students
- 4 Higher Education (HE)
QUBSU, UUSU, St. Mary's SU, Stranmillis SU
- 6 Further Education (FE)
SRC, NWRC, SWC, SERC, NRC & Belfast Met
- 1 Agricultural college (CAFRE).
- National Society of Apprentices

100% AFFILIATION



#students deserve better!



FULLY FUNDED
EDUCATION

THE RIGHT TO
DEFER OR
END COURSE

RENT
REBATE

THE RIGHT
TO LEAVE
ACCOMMODATION

FOOD,
NECESSITIES &
WELLBEING
SUPPORT

ACCESSIBLE
ONLINE
TEACHING



Town Hall - Stories

Students Deserve Better!



"I have two kids, and I have to work as the nursing bursary does not cover anywhere near my outgoings. I feel I can't put the time I'd like into my assignments as I've had to put hours aside to work.

Denise, Ulster University



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"As international students we are worried about our academic fees. My father's business crashed during lockdown so it's very difficult to pay the fees now. In lockdown it's hard to find job so most international students are jobless now. We can't concentrate on our studies because we now face too many financial difficulties."

Razzaq, Ulster University



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"The biggest problems I have faced as a student this year is lack of support, working from home with limited opportunities, no support financially, no consideration for rest or time off and physical exhaustion. It's been hard to focus and communication has been challenging."

Laura, Ulster University



#StudentsDeserveBetter



Politicians Pledge

85

**politicians
signed pledge**

**I pledge my support for
the Students Deserve
Better campaign**



We need:

- A national strategy to support students throughout the pandemic, and clear guidance from government.
- Student representatives to be involved in decision making.
- Students' basic legal rights upheld.
- Students to be able to leave their course and their accommodation without financial detriment.
- Mental health and wellbeing support for students.
- Digital access for all.



Significant win - £37.7 million

£22million from the Executive to fund a one-off discretionary payment of £500 to all students from the UK and EU who are in full time higher education in Northern Ireland.

The support package also includes:

- £8.5million to address student financial hardship, digital poverty and to support student unions with mental health provision;
- £4.1million for the provision of a safe working, learning and research environment; and
- £3.1million to compensate universities for lost income arising from rental pauses and releasing students from accommodation contracts.

Extend the £500 Covid Disruption Grant

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SIGN THE PETITION

**#NoStudentLeftBehind
#StudentsDeserveBetter**



STAY IN TOUCH!



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for you!**



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