

Northampton Left Unity

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO PROTEST

Whereas university students have staged occupations and organised other protests against:

- the privatisation of university services which threaten the jobs of UNISON, UNITE and UCU members
- the privatisation of student loans

to defend education against the government's spending cuts and exponential increase in tuition fees, and

to show their solidarity with Higher Education staff seeking just and affordable pay increase and to establish the living wage for all employees and workers in the Higher Education Sector;

Whereas the senior managements of Birmingham University, London University and Sussex University have victimised student protestors by obtaining court injunctions, suspending students or using the police to break up the protests; and

Whereas these universities have attempted to criminalise peaceful protest and thereby infringe on a fundamental civic right

We hereby call on Left Unity to support the right to protest by:

- asking members to write to their MPs to support the EDM 1065 tabled by John McDonnell
- circulating online petitions and urging members to sign
- sending emails in solidarity to student groups mobilising protest activities
- urging members to join protest marches, rallies and picket lines.