

# University of Reading Students Make their Voice Heard

Hundreds of Reading students joined the 'Fund Our Future: Stop the Education Cuts' March yesterday to make their point to the Government

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Yesterday, six hundred University of Reading students joined 50,000 others at the National Demonstration in support of the 'Fund Our Future: Stop the Education Cuts' campaign led by the National Union of Students (NUS) and the University and College Union (UCU). In solidarity with the majority, the students marched peacefully through the streets of London. Reading University Students' Union (RUSU), the NUS, the UCU and thousands of other students however, are outraged at the actions of a small minority of people, some of whom were not even students.

Making their voices heard and sending a strong message to both the coalition government and Vice Chancellors, the Reading students expressed their opposition to the proposed drastic cuts that the Higher Education sector faces and their concern that young people will be deterred from going to university due to the huge increase in tuition fees.

Attendees congregated in RUSU early in the morning to collect banners and high visibility jackets before alighting the coaches destined for London. Demonstration leaders gave stirring speeches before the procession progressed through the streets towards Whitehall and a mass rally where Aaron Porter the NUS President gave an inspirational speech.

Reading students are very disappointed by the proposals to Higher Education. Energised on their return from the march they will continue along with the NUS to fight to save Higher Education, starting by lobbying their local MP's.

Jess Lazarczyk, RUSU's President said "Despite the irresponsible actions of a few yesterday, I am proud to be a student at the University of Reading where hundreds of students were united against the threat to their own institution, their degree and the future of Higher Education as a whole. The campaign has given students a real platform to voice their opposition to the coalition cuts. Working with the support of the NUS, our campaign will continue by lobbying our local parliamentary representatives."

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*For further comment on the day's activities please contact Jess Lazarczyk, RUSU President.*

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