Reading University Students 'Union Speaks Out on Browne Review.

Reading University Students' Union airs disappointment at Lord Browne's proposals.

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Reading University Students' Union (RUSU) believes education is still possibly the greatest driver of social mobility and that access into further and higher education should be protected to the upmost. The Union was disappointed with the Brown Review seeing Lord Browne's proposals as making it harder for individuals to attend University.

RUSU is in agreement with the National Union of Students (NUS) in that if Lord Browne's proposals are adopted, universities would be handed a blank cheque and the next generation of students would be forced to pick up the tab for the devastating cuts to the higher education system. The only thing Reading students would stand to gain from higher fees would be higher debts. Furthermore, RUSU is concerned that, if universities are allowed to competitively raise their fees, an increasing pressure would be put on students to make decisions based on the cost of their education, rather than academic ability or ambition. Many people that were considering studying at degree level may well be discouraged, fearing huge debts.

Jess Lazarczyk, RUSU's President said "We should exist in a society in which any person, from any background has the opportunity to go to university and better themselves through the university education system. It is inherently unfair that a person's right to an education should be determined by his or her ability to pay for it."

Reading University Students' Union will be joining the NUS in their campaign to 'Fund Our Future: Stop the Cuts' by taking hundreds of students to London on 10th November to take part in the National Demonstration, protesting against the generational threat the student movement is now facing due to these savage changes.

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For further information on RUSU's involvement in the NUS National Demonstration visit www.rusu.co.uk/demo2010

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