News from Brighton Students' Union Community Organisers

Reclaim The Lectern and The Bungaroosh

In November 2015 the Cabinet Office granted £500,000 for communities around the country to exercise Community Rights established in the Localism Act (2011). The Community Organisers Mobilisation Fund is being managed by the Community Organisers Company. Two projects that our team have been supporting are 'Reclaim the Lectern' and 'The Bungaroosh' (Cuthbert Pub). Both have been granted £8,400 and £14,200 respectively from this fund to mobilise communities around the Community Right to Bid.

Volunteer Community Organisers Programme

In February 2016, we trained 15 Volunteer Community Organisers that will be listening to people in Brighton, Eastbourne and Hastings. These volunteers are a mix of Brighton and Sussex University students and local residents from each area. They will be supporting our team in existing projects as well as listening to local people to motivate them to take action on new ideas.

#HandsOffHastings Campaign

Brighton Students' Union are fighting to keep the Hastings Campus open. We believe that despite the University receiving large sums of public money have not tried hard enough to build a successful business model in Hastings. There are several excellentteaching spaces that students love but there has been little to no investment in student accommodation, affordable transport and student facilities such as the Students' Union space. We believe the University is hugely important to the local community and we want the University to remain in the town and try to get university management to commit to growing and improving the offer to students in Hastings.

There are lots of ways you can support the campaign. You can find more information at our FB group Hastings Campus Solidarity or contact the team at:

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