## Union Policy UP1343 Motion to the Union Council: Fight Fascism



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## This Union notes

- 1. That a group positioning itself as a "student club about traditionalist art and philosophy" and as "Tradition UCL", has started operating at UCL.
- 2. That this group has been putting up posters with their contact details around UCL campus.
- 3. That their posters' heading reads "Too much political correctness?", and they advertise a study of the philosophers Nietzsche, de Benoist, Heidegger and Evola<sup>1</sup>.
- 4. That a second poster appeared around four weeks after the previous one had first been put up, bearing the title "Equality is a false god" and, once again, advertising the philosophers de Benoist, Heidegger and Evola for study.
- 5. That on this second poster the group has repositioned itself as a "Nietzsche Club" and altered its contact details to include a new email address.
- 6. That the aforementioned philosophers and thinkers are on the extreme-right, racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, homophobic, anti-Marxist, anti-worker and have had connections, direct or indirect, with Italian fascism and German Nazism.

## This Union believes

- 1. That this group is aimed at promoting a far-right, fascist ideology at UCL.
- 2. That there is no meaningful distinction to be made between a far-right and a fascist ideology.
- 3. That this group may have connections to the wider fascist movement and other organised groups, specifically those groups using the name "Radical Traditionalism" to describe their ideology, such as the "Traditionalist Youth Network", and the "Traditional Britain Group".
- 4. That fascism is directly threatening to the safety of the UCL student body and UCLU members.
- 5. That fascism is used by the ruling class to divide workers and students along ethnic, national, religious, and gender lines, as a measure to split them and thus weaken their effectiveness as a force and undermine their resistance to policies of austerity, attacks on living standards and public services, and other consequences of the crisis of the capitalist system.
- 6. That fascism has no place at UCL or UCLU, and that any attempts by fascists or the far-right to organise on campus must be met with unconditional resistance.

## This Union resolves

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The full text of the poster is as follows: "Too much political correctness? Student club about traditionalist art and philosophy (Benoist, Heidegger, Evola). Interested? traditionucl@gmail.com"

http://www.tradyouth.org/

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- 1. To ban and otherwise prevent the installation of any further publicity of this group around UCLU buildings, and to urge UCL to adopt the same policy in the university buildings.
- 2. To prevent any attempts by this group to hold meetings and organise events on campus.
- 3. To reject any attempts by this group to seek affiliation and official recognition from UCLU as an official club or society.
- 4. To commit to a struggle against fascism and the far-right, in a united front of students, workers, trade unions and the wider labour movement, with the perspective of fighting the root cause of fascism capitalism. Thus, the struggle is to be united under the programme of a socialist transformation of society.