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# Lizzie Ashford

## for Trustee

### As one of your BYC Trustees, I would...

- **Encourage and facilitate more peer learning-** The BYC has a fantastically wide range of members, all of whom should have as many opportunities as possible to meet, share their experiences, and learn from each other. Our voices as young people can be stronger together than they are individually.
- **Promote the BYC model of having younger people as trustees and board members-** We form a valuable part of society and have a different skill set and outlook that organisations can benefit from.
- **Fight for an equal minimum wage, regardless of age-** There is no reason that the work done by a 16 or 20 year old is worth any less than the same work done by a 22 year old. With cuts to EMA and higher university fees, many young people are facing hugely increased financial pressures, so it's more crucial than ever that those who chose to work are paid a fair wage.
- **Continue to campaign for a fair and sustainable Higher Education funding system-** Access to Higher Education should be granted based on a person's willingness to learn, not their ability to pay, and a system which does not recognise this is fundamentally flawed.
- **Call for fair access to internships-** Internships and work experience are very often the only routes into a career, but the current norm is that these are unpaid; an unequal system where only those who are financially secure enough can gain experience. Work experience can be incredibly beneficial, but in internships where young people are used as full working members of staff for prolonged periods of time, they deserve to be paid for the work that they do.

### A little bit about me

2010 graduate- Literature and Politics at UEA

Represented peers as a member of Students' Union Council

Campaigned in 2010 to raise awareness of the potential outcomes of the Browne review into HE funding among students and young people

Worked in the voluntary sector promoting social enterprise across Europe, and in Parliament

Co-ordinated a local campaign in favour of a change to AV in the recent referendum

Elected to represent my constituency as a delegate to Labour youth conference

**Contact Me-** Any questions? Get in touch!



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