I’m Henrique. I am a third year History student here at King’s and with your support hopefully your next delegate to the National Union of Students.

Combining more than 600 student unions across the United Kingdom representing more than 7 million students, the NUS is by far the body with greatest potential to ensure that the interests and needs of students are well-represented and advocated in the public sphere. Yet in the past, the NUS has all too often set its focus on secondary issues with minor relevance to the everyday life of students. In doing so, the NUS has moved ever further away from achieving its vital mission: to represent and fight for the interests of students across Britain on a national level.

Aside from having worked intensely within different bodies within KCLSU since arriving at King’s, I have experience in working with federal, supracollegiate bodies, as my school belonged to a network of 14 schools from seven different European countries. As president of my school’s pupils’ committee, I had the immense privilege of working with the pupils’ committees of these schools on matters of school governance. I know the limits but also the realistic opportunities offered by such bodies.

With the benefit of that experience, I want to make a contribution to render the NUS more accountable, transparent, efficient and closer to the everyday concerns of students. My aim is to ensure that the NUS has a positive impact on your student experience at King’s.

How do I want to achieve this?

TRANSPARENCY – before each major conference or meeting, I will consult you online to allow you to submit your opinions to me so that I can ensure to make decisions you can stand behind. I will equally hold NUS Executive accountable for their action before the students should they act in a manner that is contrary to our interest.

COMMUNICATION – Apart from regularly reporting to the Student Council, I will ensure to keep you updated on activities and developments within the NUS by the means of regular e-mail newsletters. I will equally ensure always to

STRONG INTERCOLLEGiate COOPERATION – I recognize the immense academic and social benefits of the University of London for students in London. With the dissolution of ULU (the University of London Union) looming, cooperation between London student unions will greatly increase in importance. Throughout my time at King’s, I have worked intensely with students and societies from across the University of London and will commit a great part of my work to forging strong and tight links with delegates and student unions from other universities in London to ensure that London students have a firm, united voice within the NUS.

PRIORITISATION OF STUDENT CONCERNS – In the past, many student officials have prioritised their own personal agendas over the views and interests of the majority of KCL students. This will not happen under my watch - your views matter, not mine!

CAMPAIGN NATIONALLY FOR YOU – I will ensure that the issues you care about most are given a national platform, whether it is on the issue of academic performance and feedback, living costs and student loans, tuition fees and funding, civil rights and discrimination, et cetera.

For a NUS that works for YOU!