Students' Unions Supporting the Access Agenda

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Students' Unions are 'fun'

- Representation of the non-work side of university life
- Societies and Sports networks
- Welfare and safety nets

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We're students, so students trust us

- We don't always have to be on message like University reps – we're not trying to recruit
- We've been through the system recently

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We have connections within the student body

- We're easily in touch with the student body
- Our students love to volunteer
- Sports and Society links

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We're well placed in the University

- We can campaign for change
- We sit on University Committees and have a say in OFFA agreements and Admissions Policy

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How do we support access?

CUSU Shadowing Scheme

- Annual CUSU residential in late January/early February.
- Brings 300+ students over three weekends to shadow one undergraduate, staying in their college, going to their lectures and supervisions, and participating in their social activities.
- Colleges and societies put on events during this period especially for *shadows*
- Accommodation, meals and activities free to all *shadows*. Needs-based travel reimbursement from CUSU.

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CUSU Shadowing Scheme

- Student interaction is great
- Excellent feedback
- Impact proven

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Target Schools

- Students go back to schools to talk about university, raise aspirations
- Workshops, debates, presentations
- Resources and training provided

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Alternative prospectus and Ask-A-Student

- Student voice
- Links with current students and prospective students
- Clear, honest information

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Feed into University Access Work

- Help recruit volunteers through our networks
- Share ideas and best practice

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Thanks for listening.

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