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NSS welcomes guidance which promotes free speech at universities

Posted: Fri, 15 Feb 2019

The NSS has welcomed official guidance which aims to ensure universities "remain a forum for open and robust enquiry". [Read More »](#)

JCHR: “confusion and complexity” restricting campus free speech

Posted: Wed, 28 Mar 2018

A parliamentary committee has said critics of religion are among those whose free speech is most likely to be restricted at universities. [Read More »](#)

NSS: promote free speech as “a positive value” on campus

Posted: Fri, 15 Dec 2017

The NSS has told a parliamentary committee free speech should be protected "not only as a legal concept" on university campuses. [Read More »](#)

Student U-turn over Christian Union ban at Oxford College

Posted: Thu, 12 Oct 2017

Organisers will allow the Christian Union to exhibit at future freshers' fairs at an Oxford college, after an earlier decision to ban it. [Read More »](#)

LSE accepts gender-segregated event was unlawful

Posted: Fri, 29 Sep 2017

LSE has accepted that gender segregation at an Islamic Society dinner was unlawful after an NSS-backed complaint. [Read More »](#)

43% of universities restrict speech that might “offend” religious people

Posted: Mon, 13 Feb 2017

University administrations are becoming increasingly "ensorious", with 43% of universities censoring speech that might "offend" religious people, according to online magazine Spiked. [Read More »](#)

[**EHRC to investigate gender segregation at Islamic faith school**](#)

Posted: Fri, 06 May 2016

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has been asked by the Department for Education to investigate an independent Islamic school that segregated its staff by gender. [Read More »](#)

[**Students launch #Right2Debate campaign, as protest planned against NUS no-platform policies**](#)

Posted: Mon, 29 Feb 2016

A student-led free speech campaign supported by the counter-extremism think tank Quilliam is urging for reform of campus debate, as the NUS faces calls from secularists and ex-Muslims to revise 'safe space' policies. [Read More »](#)

[**NSS welcomes Warwick Student Union's decision to allow Maryam Namazie to speak**](#)

Posted: Mon, 28 Sep 2015

The National Secular Society has welcomed Warwick Student Union's decision to host secular campaigner Maryam Namazie. The Union reversed their ban on her speaking following huge public pressure. [Read More »](#)

[**Warwick Student Union bans ex-Muslim activist and says speakers must "avoid insulting other faiths"**](#)

Posted: Fri, 25 Sep 2015

Maryam Namazie has been blocked from speaking to the Warwick Atheists, Secularists and Humanists' Society after the Student Union said the ex-Muslim campaigner could 'insult' religion. [Read More »](#)

Prime Minister 'blinkered to ignore role faith schools play in segregating communities'

Posted: Mon, 20 Jul 2015

Despite criticising "segregated" education, Prime Minister David Cameron has defended the continuation of faith schools in a speech on counter extremism. [Read More »](#)

Renewed warnings of extremism on UK university campuses

Posted: Tue, 14 Jul 2015

New research has warned that a 'culture conducive' to non-violent extremism has emerged on campuses and that universities are still vulnerable to radical preachers, despite past warnings. [Read More »](#)

Bath Student Union says decision to cut Jesus and Mohammed sketch was "in line with normal practice"

Posted: Mon, 11 May 2015

Bath Student Union has defended their decision to cut 'blasphemous' material from a student group's comedy show, saying that it is "normal practice" for Student Union officers to edit scripts. [Read More »](#)

Bath Student Union and university chaplains blocked comedy sketch material on Mohammed and Jesus

Posted: Mon, 27 Apr 2015

Student Union officials and university chaplains ordered a line featuring Mohammed cut from a student comedy show, because it caused "great offence." [Read More »](#)

NUS votes to work with group accused of supporting Islamic extremism

Posted: Thu, 23 Apr 2015

The National Union of Students has voted to work with Islamic 'civil rights' group Cage, against the Government's counter-terror and counter-radicalisation strategy. [Read More »](#)

Homophobic preacher invited to address University of Westminster Islamic Society

Posted: Mon, 23 Feb 2015

Sheikh Haitham al-Haddad, who once said "godless homosexuals" engaged in a "criminal act", is to be hosted by the University of Westminster Islamic Society. [Read More »](#)

NUS rejects motion on Iraqi/Kurdish solidarity citing 'Islamophobia'

Posted: Wed, 15 Oct 2014

The National Union of Students' National Executive Committee has rejected a motion condemning the Islamic State and endorsing solidarity with the Kurds and Iraqi people after opponents branded it "Islamophobic". [Read More »](#)

Equality and Human Rights Commission: gender segregation at campus events "unlawful"

Posted: Mon, 21 Jul 2014

The National Secular Society has welcomed new legal guidance from the Equality and Human Rights Commission clarifying that gender segregation of university and campus events is unlawful. [Read More »](#)

Universities can segregate women and men for debates, says university guidance

Posted: Tue, 26 Nov 2013

A report just published by vice-chancellors' group Universities UK₁ has advised that segregation by gender in talks from external speakers is fine. [Read More »](#)

Birmingham college drops ban on face veils

Posted: Tue, 10 Sep 2013

Birmingham Metropolitan College, which earlier this week issued a ban on all face coverings on college premises, has now modified the policy to permit the wearing of niqabs or Muslim face veils. [Read More »](#)