

## **Statement for Labour Party Youth Officer – Charlie Pritchard**

Since Corbyn was elected Labour leader in 2015, we have seen a phenomenal injection of young energy into the party through Young Labour and Momentum. During the 2017 general election, the turnout of voters aged 18-24 increased by 16% from 2015, a figure that conveys a thirst for radical politics amongst an emerging generation of activists-in-the-making. As youth officer for Norwich Labour Party, I will aim to catalyse the energy of students and young workers who want a socialist party committed to abolishing the Tory policies which are sabotaging our future. Working conditions under zero-hours contracts are oppressing young workers to the limit, but we are unionising and fighting back with an unprecedented vigour. With help of trade union officials, I intend to aid solidarity between students and young workers in different sectors in collective struggle against exploitation. Activity at UEA has declined in recent years, and I will make sure to kick-start the political development of students with campaigns, canvassing sessions, collaborative events and reading groups. As young people fight their way through this vicious economy, they must be supported by a party dedicated to building socialism in our lifetime.