

Government plans will make it harder for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to go to university, Greens warn



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The Green Party has strongly criticised Education Minister Nadhim Zahawi's announcement of the Government's response to the Augar Review of higher education.

Young Greens co-chair Jane Baston said,

"It is scandalous that the Government will make it much harder for students from working class and disadvantaged backgrounds to enter universities, further entrenching the inequalities and marketisation within higher education.

"The minimum entry requirements and restrictions on student loans that the government is introducing will disproportionately impact those who do not come from a privileged background. Behind these changes is a deeply regressive vision of education that rewards those with access to private tuition and penalises those who do not fit the Conservative ideology."

Green Party education spokesperson Vix Lowthion said,

"The Green Party believes that education should be accessible for all, regardless of background and income, and we support the scrapping of high stakes examinations and the removal of tuition fees. Students should not have to face any further barriers to access an education."

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