

Should YUSU support a referendum on the final deal of the UK's departure from the European Union, with an option to remain?

Statement from the 'No' Campaign

Our platform is very simple: a second referendum would be divisive, unnecessary, and insulting. Some people turned out to vote in 2016 for the first time in years, and a second referendum, in whatever form it may take, would send the very clear message that their opinion means nothing. Unless, of course, their opinion happens to conform to a singular world view, presenting the EU as something more than a failed political project. We live in divided times, but these times will become even more divided if we decide that the voice of a democratic majority means nothing.

What's even worse than this, from our position as students, is that YUSU would endorse this view, spend money on furthering a view point that will have little impact, if any at all. They would be spending money that would be far better spent elsewhere, in the area of well-being campaigns, of improving funding for our societies, and providing more money to our student media.

The choice is simple: do you want YUSU to spend money on a campaign that would make the disenfranchised feel even more disenfranchised? Or shall we put that money to good use?