

Gavin Williams

OTHER ACTIVITIES

University of Stellenbosch

1962-1964 Chairman, National Union of South African Students Branch.

1963 Founder member, SAAK, Stellenbosch Aktuele Aangeleentheids Kring (Stellenbosch Current Affairs Society).

National Union of South African Students. Overseas Representative.

Attended Conferences of National Union of Students, NUSEWNI, 1964, 1965, and Scottish Union of Students (1964, 1965)

University of Durham

Active in Movement for a Democratic University (1968)

Association of Scientific, Technical, and Managerial Staff (ASTMS), University of Durham Branch (1973-1975)

University of Oxford.

Active in (successful) Campaigns against the University offering Margaret Thatcher an Honorary degree (1968).

Active in (successful) Congregation campaigns against Strategic Plan (2004) and proposals to change University constitution (2005). See below.

Co-editor, The Oxford Magazine. 2004-2010

Nursery Schools

Governor and Chair of Governors, Bartlemas Nursery School.

Chair, Oxfordshire Campaign for Nursery Education, which succeeded in reversing the decision of the County Council to close all nursery schools and classes.

Woodcraft Folk Leader, Eastwind Pioneers.

Cycling

Initiated neighbourhood cycling group (Silver Cyclists).

Sponsored rides: Action Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; Classic Oxfordshire (60/80 + 30 miles) for Against Breast Cancer; London to Oxford (60 miles for British Heart Foundation ; Westminster to Islip (65+15 miles) Birmingham to Oxford (72 miles) for Jennifer Trust (spinal atrophy); Oxford to Cambridge (88 + 11 miles) British Heart Foundation 1 miles); each on several occasions and London to Paris (325 miles). (+ = ride to start) for Action Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (2013).

Memberships:

Action Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Anti-Apartheid Movement, ASTMS, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Cycle Touring Club, Liberty (NCCL), Friends of the Earth, University and Colleges Union (Association of University Teachers), The Woodcraft Folk, and The Labour Party (1979-1997).

Contributions to Debates in Congregation (Oxford University)

http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/1998-9/supps/1_4496.htm

Supplement (1) to Gazette No. 4496 ,13 January 1999

http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2000-1/supps/1_4579.htm

Supplement to Gazette 4579, 14 March 2001

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2002-3/weekly/200303/agen.htm>

Vote on resolution concerning University funding and fees, 25 March 2003

http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2005-6/supps/1_4749.htm

Supplement (1) to Gazette No. 4749, 9 November 2005

http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2005-6/supps/1_4791.htm.

Supplement (1) to Gazette No. 4791 Wednesday, 7 December 2006

http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2008-9/supps/2_4862.htm

Supplement (1) to Gazette No. 4862, 26 November 2008