

Save the Education Maintenance Allowance



The education trade unions, the National Union of Students (NUS) and Save EMA are campaigning together to stop the abolition of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

Many young people struggle to stay on in education past the age of 16. EMA helps to pay for course costs, lunch, travel to and from college or sixth form and for other essentials.

Some young people would be determined enough to stay on in education even if they had to struggle financially but that does not mean they are 'deadweight'. EMA helps to ensure that no one has to miss a day at college because they can't afford the bus fare and that young people don't need to skip meals because they can't afford to pay for them at college.

How you can help

Ask your MP to back the campaign to save EMA. Write to/email your MP asking them to call on government Ministers to reconsider their decision. Let your MP know your experience of EMA and how it helps young people, institutions and communities where you live.

Sign the petition to Save EMA. Visit the websites

www.saveema.co.uk and **www.emacampaign.org.uk** to sign the petition, see the campaigns in action and to receive updates about what is happening in your area.

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