

STOP PRIVATISATION



KEEP INTO OUT OF DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

De Montfort University is considering a joint venture with a private education company called INTO University Partnerships.

The University and College Union believe that this would be damaging for the university and the people who work here.

INTO is a private company who want to run the recruitment and teaching of international students as a 'for profit' enterprise.

We believe this would be a risky enterprise with a risky company.

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Why UCU says *Keep INTO out of De Montfort*

- It's a risk to the quality of education and the reputation of De Montfort. Other INTO joint ventures are struggling with problems of low student recruitment and progression to university.
- INTO employs less qualified staff on lower pay and inferior terms and conditions than their public or 'in house' counterparts.
- INTO are proposing an International Foundation course across all DMU facilities and a pre-masters in three, which will mean DMU staff and INTO staff operating alongside each other in a 'two-tier' system.
- Joint ventures with INTO are a big financial risk. Other university part-

nerships with this company have suffered heavy financial losses (for example INTO's partnership with Manchester College was dissolved in 2009, following losses of £1.4 million).

- Education staff across the sector are opposed to joint ventures with INTO. UCU polls at Essex University, Queen's University Belfast and Goldsmith's College all showed that over 90% of staff believe a joint venture with INTO would adversely affect the reputation of their institution.

What you can do

- Pass this information to colleagues.
- Email the Vice Chancellor Dominic Shellard at

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