
Say NO to INTO

Why you should be worried about a joint venture between York and INTO

The University of York is on the verge of signing up to a joint venture with the private company INTO University Partnerships.

This would mean both York and INTO committing capital to a new company that would recruit and teach international students on 'pathway courses', starting in 2015.

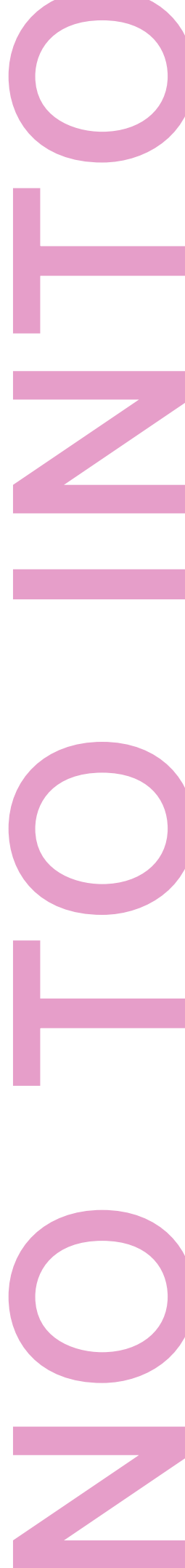
Informed local debate on this vital issue is currently being stifled by the use of the 'commercial in confidence' provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The minutes of the recent Senate discussion of INTO have been withheld from public view. We should be asking, 'What is there to hide?'

Who are INTO?

INTO is a private company that's currently 75% owned by 'entrepreneur' Andrew Colin and 25% by a US private equity fund called Leeds Equity Partners. Jeffrey Leeds, the fund's founder, is now a director at INTO.

Leeds Equity Partners also part own the massive US for-profit company Education Management Corporation, currently being sued and investigated by a number of US state and federal agencies in connection with poor performance.

INTO has joint ventures with Exeter, Newcastle, UEA, Glasgow Caledonian, City and Queen's University Belfast. These joint ventures are 50:50 owned by INTO and their partner universities. That means that profits – and losses – are borne equally by both partners.



Why does UCU oppose
INTO partnerships?

In common with other private companies,

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