



Norsk studentorganisasjon

NO GUNS ON OUR CAMPUSES

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In response to recent school and university shootings in the US, Norwegian students call for a global response against gun violence. We demand a ban on guns on our university campuses, and stricter national laws on gun ownership. We stand united and in solidarity with students worldwide in their fight for a secure learning environment without fear of violence.

The National union of Students in Norway (NSO) main platform states:

The right of students to safety, academic freedom, democratic rights and education is global and must be protected. In cases where the rights of students are restricted or under threat, the National Union of Students in Norway will offer its united support as part of the international student movement.

Campuses should be a safe haven for studying, and Norwegian students wholly support the cause of GCPEA, The Global Campaign to Protect Education from Attack. Likewise, now the US student initiative *The March For Our Lives* states: "Every kid in this country now goes to school wondering if this day might be their last. We live in fear." ¹ This cannot go on.

According to the organisation Armed Campuses ² there is a growing concern, that more and more states allow concealed guns on campuses.

Recent studies confirm ³ that the right to carry even concealed guns increase violent crime. Furthermore, Armed Campuses point out the states who have bans: "[...] have helped to make our post-secondary education institutions some of the safest places in the country."

As a result, Norwegian students stand united with global initiatives, to strive for strict gun laws and the protection of schools and universities. Educational institutions should be a safe space for all, therefore these institutions must be given the same protection as hospitals, in international law.

NSO demands:

- that students everywhere should be, and feel, safe at university premises.
- that students in the US are heard in their protests against state and federal laws on gun ownership.
- that guns and weapons have no place on university campuses.
- that the academic community support the movement to ban guns and weapons on campuses.
- That universities and schools be given protection under international law.

¹ <https://www.marchforourlives.com/>

² <http://www.armedcampuses.org/>

³ <https://news.stanford.edu/2017/12/07/new-study-analyzes-recent-gun-violence-research/>

Om NSO:

Norsk studentorganisasjon (NSO) er en nasjonal interesseorganisasjon for 31 ulike studentdemokrati ved norske universiteter og høyskoler. Studentdemokratiene representerer om lag 230 000 studenter. NSO har til oppgave å ivareta og fremme studentenes interesser og rettigheter, fremme engasjement for nasjonale og internasjonale utdanningssaker blant studentene. Mer informasjon om organisasjonen finner du på www.student.no

