



TUITION FEES 'CLUCKING' RIDICULOUS

MYPs from the West Midlands took their tuition fees fight

to the streets of Birmingham in a bid to pressurise the Government to scrap university tuition fees on Saturday 13th December.

The protest was attended by hundreds of young people and featured 'money birds' weighed down with the burden of debt to signify that the Government's fees and maintenance grant system has effectively clipped their wings and is preventing students from 'flying the nest' and realising their aspirations.

A number of guests were in attendance and spoke at the demonstration, including Midlands MPs from the main political parties, student leaders and local

celebrities from the region. Campaign lead James Greenhalgh MYP commented,

"University debt as a result of ridiculous tuition fees and a failing maintenance grant system is condemning millions of students to years of financial hardship, and deterring many, many young people from going to university.

"I strongly believe that university access should not be a privilege for those who can afford it, but be a right – a right which all young people should have, as is the case north of the border in Scotland where tuition fees don't exist.

"Members of Youth Parliament will continue to fight for social justice on this issue, and we will not stop until the Government listens to young people on this massively important issue."

