

# PROFILE OF IZZY LENGA



1 Lizzy's tweet of poster posted on campus.

Izzy Lengua, a Jewish student at Birmingham University in the United Kingdom, decided to take action when she encountered pro-Hitler posters plastered across her university campus. She used a National Union of Students (NUS) conference as her platform, a confederation of 600 students' unions that fights discrimination, isolation, and injustice in the United Kingdom. Izzy posted photos of the poster <sup>1</sup> on Twitter to draw attention to the issue.

"I decided [the NUS conference] was an appropriate time and place to demonstrate how antisemitism is still problematic on our campuses, despite many in the student movement not believing the claims of Jewish students who argue it to be so," she wrote. "However, the backlash to my tweet has been extremely nasty and deeply upsetting. This sets a worrying precedent. I am worried about the rise of antisemitism across Europe and the world, and at points I am worried for my safety and that of my peers, but I am most concerned for the Jewish student community."

Despite the onslaught of abuse, Izzy has resolved to stand strong. She has received numerous messages of support, including from Labour MP (Member of Parliament) Luciana Berger. A spokesperson for the Union of Jewish Students said, "It is important that Jewish students follow Izzy's example and continue to seek representative positions both in the student movement and wider society."