



No Platform Policy

1. Purpose and preamble

- 1.1 The aim of this document is to clarify and ratify the Union's No Platform Policy.
- 1.2 From time to time there will be a requirement to update these procedures; this will be done at least every two years.
- 1.3 The No Platform policy forms and appendix to the Constitution and in the event of any conflict the Constitution is the overriding document of authority.

2. No Platform

- 2.1 The Union has a moral responsibility to provide a safe and friendly environment for all its members, and ensure they do not feel threatened regardless of their age, gender, disability, ethnic or racial origins, religion, nationality, politics, social background, marital status, or sexual orientation.
- 2.2 The Union's Equal Opportunities Policy asks students to respect each other regardless of "age, gender, disability, ethnic or racial origins, religion, nationality, political views, social background, marital status, or sexual orientation".
- 2.3 Freedom of speech is a fundamental basic human right and should not be denied of anyone, unless the expression of speech threatens the human rights of any other human being.
- 2.4 The Union will not allow its premises, publications or activities to be used by groups or individuals that threaten the human rights of other individuals.
- 2.5 The Executive Committee will compile and update yearly a list of organisations that it feels should not be allowed a voice in the Union. Organisations can be added to this list at any time and the President has the right to add an organisation to the list at his/her discretion until such time as the organisation can be discussed by the Executive Committee.
- 2.6 In the event of a request by a political party to come on to any of the University Campuses, all other political parties will be invited to attend on the same day. Political parties that threaten the human rights of other individuals will not be allowed on to any of the University campuses.
- 2.7 Political societies may be established but may not use its funds to directly campaign for political parties or individual candidates.
- 2.8 Students can within reason, establish political and minority societies and groups. However, they may not discriminate against other members of the Union. These societies will be subject to all Union policies and regulations.
- 2.9 No external organisation or individual may establish a society or promote issues that may cause offence to any group within the membership.

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