



# Union Council Motion

## **Title of motion:**

Mandatory Captions and Transcripts to all Union/University audio content

## **What do you want to change?**

Audio content should have captions or subtitles for ease of access across all students, or even a transcript provided to follow along. Captions of course being already provided over most academic sessions via Microsoft Teams in the form of 'Live Captions'. However, there is content being uploaded such as video resources without captions, or YouTube generated captions. These infamously being horrendously generated shambles and should have mandatory transcripts or edited captions. The union videos and any promotional content should also include these captions for accessibility and ease of understanding for all students.

## **Why do you want to change it?**

It is 2020 and some content being provided by lecturers or uploaded by the union doesn't have captions and/or subtitles. This is such a simple thing than can be done to make content more inclusive to everyone and yet doesn't appear to be a mandatory system. This should be covered by the Equality Act 2010 and although most content is captioned there is still some getting released without them which puts an extreme disadvantage to those having a requirement of them. The feature also allows all students to have better understanding of the content than they would without.

## **What do you want Hull University Union to do?:**

The university should be held responsible by the Union for implementing a captioning system across **ALL** faculties/years for lecture content, recorded sessions and provide transcripts for all video resources. Hull University Students' Union should also be responsible for ensuring all content put out contains captions or transcripts.

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