



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Provide advice and support to student protestors on the Student Union website and advice centre.

What do you want to change?

There should be clear, signposted, easily accessible guidance and advice for students who are interested in joining a protest to make sure they know their rights in respect to protests and how to protest safely.

This guidance will also include a general statement of how the act of protest has been an important bringer of change with historical movements linked to protected characteristics rights. The statement would also feature the changes brought about by protests and campaigning in recent years such as the climate strike protests bringing fossil fuel divestment. This statement and the information could be reviewed every year.

This advice includes:

- Knowing your right to protest and what is legal and illegal.
- How to avoid trouble if it breaks out during a protest
- Travel advice; do not go alone, etc.
- How to act if you do get arrested while protesting, where you can call for further advice, etc.
- Have free bustcards available in the advice centre.

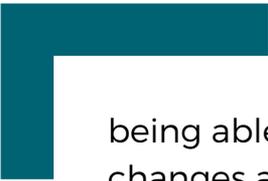
There are sources on all these things easily found here:

<https://greenandblackcross.org>

Why do you want to change it?

Over the recent months we have seen a rise in protests and this pattern is likely to continue, Black Lives Matter and Reclaim the Night being notable examples of protests occurring recently that have been supported by HUSU in the past. Students have a right to protest and as a Student's union we should be supporting them as they do so. Currently, it is hard to find information and advice on how to protest safely and what rights people have regarding protests or how to make sure they are staying safe.

As a Students' Union, we are all here because we believe in people



being able to make their voices heard to bring about positive changes and represent the needs of the students here. We have supported student voices and student campaigns since the beginning, providing information and advice to students on protesting carries on the core values of our student union to protect their best interests and help their voice be heard. It is also felt making such information more public to our students is of a high priority now following the anti-protest bill creator more barriers to protests and campaigns.

What do you want Hull University Students' Union to do?:

Provide information guides on protesting in the advice centre of the Student Union building and on the HUSU website. This should include: the laws on protest to ensure the students know their rights, general advice for staying safe and responsible during a protest, bustcards that show who to call if they get arrested, advice on how to act if students get arrested and advice on where to get emotional support due to any protest action gone wrong. This information could come in a prepared pack which can also include the general statement of support.

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