



Hull University Students' Union Stance on the Jenni Murray Lecture Theatre

1. Statement

Hull University Students' Union (HUSU) are firm in the knowledge that Trans identities are legitimate, and believes that every individual, however they identify, is to be regarded and respected on campus. Therefore, Hull University Students' Union has a firm stance against the naming of the Jenni Murray lecture theatre.

2. Context

In November 2018, the University of Hull named a number of lecture theatres after female alumni as part of an event celebrating Women in Leadership. One of the people honoured was Radio 4 Women's Hour presenter, Dame Jenni Murray.

A motion was brought to Union Council in December 2018 and it was decided by students that HUSU would have a firm stance against the lecture theatre naming after Murray's publication of the article titled 'Be Trans, be proud – don't call yourself a "real woman"'. The University continuing to name a lecture theatre after Murray despite acknowledging how hurtful this article was for our Trans community was an apparent disregard to Trans students on campus.

Trans women are women. Trans men are men. Trans rights are human rights.

3. Implementation

Hull University Student's Union believes that the University's decision to name a lecture theatre after Jenni Murray is a disregard for all Trans people at this University so will continue to have a firm stance against it.

This stance will be shown through:

- Any messaging from HUSU around the Lecture Theatre will be reactive only
- Any statements requested will be strongly against the naming
- Acknowledgement at the University of Hull/Hull University Students' Union Relationship Committee

This policy will be responsible to and reviewed by the President of Inclusivity and Diversity.