

Title of this motion: Provision of gender-neutral toilets in HUU.

\*The female toilets next to the vending machines

HUU Notes:

Hull University Union and Hull University have an active trans\* student population, including those who are transsexual and those who identify out of gender binary. Some students, including trans\* students, would prefer to use gender-neutral toilets, however these do not exist in HUU. This means that students are forced to either use gender specific facilities, something which could be quite uncomfortable, or travel across campus to the library – where these facilities are provided. Under the NUS LGBT+ campaign there is a policy to provide gender-neutral toilets at all NUS events, and to campaign for gender-neutral toilets in all education institutions and students' unions.

HUU Believes:

By not having gender-neutral toilets this union is facing an access issue. Students may not want to use our building due to the lack of facilities that they need in order to feel safe and comfortable. Many students would benefit greatly from the existence of gender-neutral toilets and these toilets would be available for cisgender (non trans\*) students.

Moves towards making gender neutral toilets available by student bodies in many UK universities such as Bradford, Bath, Staffordshire and Manchester provide a positive example which needs following!

HUU Resolves:

In order to support students in their right to use toilets in line with their gender identity we should implement gender-neutral toilets. We will be providing facilities that are *required* by trans\* students in the HUU building. We will make feminine hygiene services available in these facilities in a similar manner to in the female toilets, for those trans\* students with particular needs associated with the female sex, and female students who choose to use them.

We will trial this provision until Easter, and compile specific research over this period in order to help with our decision to carry on offering this provision.

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