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M.1718-2 Motion to introduce environmental impact forms for all events being booked through the Union

HUU Notes:

1. Currently events booked through the union require a room booking form, an events form and a risk assessment. It can also require a charity form if fundraising is taking place. Although the risk assessment can accommodate a certain amount of environmental concerns e.g. noise pollution or litter, there is no responsibility for potential environmental damage before, during and after the event.

HUU Believes:

1. THIS IS FOR BIG EVENTS ONLY (those that require event permission forms).

2. There is no responsibility for potential environmental damage before, during and after the event at the moment.

3. This means those planning events are not necessarily being considerate of issues such as paper wastage from leafletting, decorations etc, energy required for events such as music and issues of recycling and single use plastic.

4. An environmental impact form is not a restriction, it is a way of making sure those who are planning a big event are aware of the potential harm and therefore giving them the opportunity to either reduce their proposed actions or at the very least reflect on it. This is all in effort to make the student population more aware of the environment and what they can do to help.

5. Obviously, the form would be digital.

HUU Resolves:

1. The form should be implemented at the start of next semester once fully reviewed by the Student Officer team. It should be directed to at the same time as risk assessment and events permission forms. It should also be available as soon as possible on the union website but until then will have to be sent by email (either by the Environment and Ethics Officer or the events team).

2. The forms should also be the responsibility of the Environment and Ethics Officer to have approval of completion and also the potential to suggest changes (although these are not enforceable). The Environment and Ethics Officer will also provide a list of alternatives before the form is completed.

3. It will also be considered whether more environmental or ethical questions should be added to trip pack forms (encouraging the use of public rather than private transport).

Proposer: Ruth Williams (Environment and Ethics Officer)

Seconder: Rayne Goddard (SEC Chair)

ANNEX A Environmental Impact Form

Question	Answer
What potential risks will your event have for surrounding environment	*List the environmental features and risk and state briefly why e.g. flower beds foot traffic, the loud music could disturb woodland creatures*
will any animals be participating in your event? What potential risks are there to their wellbeing?	*Yes or no and what those animals are.* *List the risks such as they could be distressed by large crowds, startled by camera flashes …*
Are the materials you are using biodegradable/recyclable?	*Yes or no and what are recyclable or biodegradable that you are responsible for*
Are there any materials you could exchange for biodegradable/recyclable?	*Yes or no*
Do the facilities you are using have the appropriate disposal methods available?	*Yes or no and what they are (recycle bin etc)*
Have you considered ways of reducing your energy/water usage?	*Consider how much electricity your event will require and how much water usage participants at the event will use,* *this does not require an estimation just simple yes and no and what you have done to reduce i.e. for day events not using the lights.*
Are you using a third party for the event? What is their environmental stance?	*Yes, name* *Copy and paste from website or summarise in 100 words max.*
For future reference, if you were to repeat this event, what changes would you make to be more environmentally friendly?	*The improvements you would make in light of previous answers* *Also suggestions to union facilities to be more environmentally friendly*