



# UNION COUNCIL MOTION

## Title of motion:

I would like the Council to petition the University to keep the graduation at City Hall and not the Bonus Arena.

## HUU Notes:

The current decision has been made without consulting current students or Staff, the statements that have been released contradict themselves. The decision to move to the Bonus Arena was to enable greater capacity and hold all three stages of the graduation experience under one roof. Now the hat throwing is in the city centre which requires walking to and the after party is in the basement of a shopping centre. None of this is befitting for degree students who have been promised city hall and have built up this picture in their head for their entire degree, for many they have pictured this as the closure of the experience.

## HUU Believes:

- Students were promised City Hall on commencement of their degree at the University of Hull
- No consultation has been done with current finalists or current students
- No proof of actual consultations with previous graduates
- City Hall has adequate facilities for disabled students and guests
- City Hall have confirmed that the same experience can be given to a disabled student
- The reasons given for the decision are being contradicted by the registrar.

## HUU Resolves:

We would like the Presidential team to petition the University to return the venue for graduation to be kept at City Hall. This needs immediate action as arrangements for graduation would already have been completed in previous years. This year due to the secrecy of the change in venue the arrangements are already behind. There is a petition with over 2,400 students signatures in support of this action. Here is the link

[https://www.change.org/p/hull-university-keep-hull-city-hall-as-hull-university-s-graduation-venue?recruiter=false&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=psf\\_combo\\_share\\_initial.pacific\\_post\\_sap\\_share\\_gmail\\_abi.gmail\\_abi&utm\\_term=psf\\_combo\\_share\\_initial.pacific\\_post\\_sap\\_share\\_gmail\\_abi.gmail\\_abi&recruited\\_by\\_id=a75a40f0-32ff-11e9-a6ac-4ff5c5319ae1&utm\\_content=fht-14309907-en-gb%3Av5&fbclid=IwAR203Z\\_UliAipOaNDGwyRry2gGAOPTIJF3crqr\\_O3 9H-82Oo3WrhOk4x8\\_w](https://www.change.org/p/hull-university-keep-hull-city-hall-as-hull-university-s-graduation-venue?recruiter=false&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial.pacific_post_sap_share_gmail_abi.gmail_abi&utm_term=psf_combo_share_initial.pacific_post_sap_share_gmail_abi.gmail_abi&recruited_by_id=a75a40f0-32ff-11e9-a6ac-4ff5c5319ae1&utm_content=fht-14309907-en-gb%3Av5&fbclid=IwAR203Z_UliAipOaNDGwyRry2gGAOPTIJF3crqr_O3 9H-82Oo3WrhOk4x8_w)

Proposer: *Lee Tilling (Faculty Rep for Business, Law and Politics)*

Seconded: *Ben Weeks (Subject Rep for Law)*



## Amendments

Part A - To lobby the University to ensure the Bonus Arena is as accessible as possible to provide parity of experience for students with disabilities and those without.

Part B - To lobby that the Hull City Hall becomes the venue for graduation when it provides an equally accessible experience for all students.

Part C - For the president team to lobby for a full plan for graduation ceremonies including schedule, dates, number of free tickets and staging from the University to be able to share with students.

These amendments were made during Union Council on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, all amendments voted in favour.