

Motion Name: Implement recycling soft / flexible plastic at Bristol University

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Background:

1. Soft and flexible plastics cause significant environmental harm when not recycled properly.
2. Soft plastic and Flexible plastic are often left unrecycled despite making up a large proportion of plastic waste – items such as crisp packets and lots of plastic packaging for food
3. Currently, recycling these plastics is impractical as it requires finding a supermarket that accepts it for recycling. This is difficult and often requires an excessively long journey, and the majority of students do not have the means (i.e. having a car) or the time to do so.
4. City councils such as Newcastle and Cheltenham have weekly collections for this type of plastic packaging

Purpose:

1. We want to reduce the workload of students trying to recycle and help the environment
2. We want to help Bristol students recycle their plastic waste by making it much easier and much more accessible.
3. We want the university to make it easier to recycle soft and flexible plastics by having clearly marked bins for soft and flexible plastics on campus and in student accommodation

Actions:

1. Lobby the university to implement recycling bins for soft / flexible plastics in kitchens at student accommodations and larger bins (where weekly rubbish collections will occur) for people to empty into.
2. Create a poster indicating the different types of plastic and which bin to recycle each one into and lobby the University to hang these up in accommodation kitchens