# **Support the Student Climate Strikes**

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## Background:

1. This union declared a climate emergency at the Annual Members Meeting in February 2019.
2. The Student Climate strikes, inspired by Greta Thunberg and run by the UK Student Climate Network, have become one of the main outlets for climate activism.
3. These strikes take place on a chosen Friday every few months: the last strike was on September 20 and the next is on November 29.
4. However, universities have been noticeably absent in support.

**Purpose:**

1. To increase participation in the strikes across the university.
2. To encourage the University of Bristol to become the first university to fully endorse the strikes.
3. To ensure that students have the freedom to protest and express their views on an issue that will impact them immensely.

**Action:**

1. This union will endorse the climate strikes.
2. It will lobby the university to endorse the climate strikes and allow lecturers to re-schedule or cancel lectures.
3. It will encourage the university to not take action against staff who cancel lectures in order to participate.
4. It will support SU staff to participate in the strikes in an accessible way.
5. It will publicise details of upcoming strikes to all students and staff.
6. It will organise craft sessions to produce banners, signs and other materials in the week before each strike, providing all resources (including paint, cardboard, cloth for banners etc.)