

Motion Title: Stopping Mandatory Sub-Group Subsidisation in Student Groups

Proposer: James Forster

Seconded: James Short

Background

1. Currently, many Student Groups subsidise some of their Sub-Groups using other Sub-Groups, especially subsidising upper Sub-Groups using lower Sub-Groups, often without telling the lower Sub-Groups and without their permission.
2. This is against the equality, diversity, and inclusion principles of the BristolSU. Specifically this is unfair toward the Sub-Groups' members unknowingly or unwillingly subsidising other Sub-Groups.
3. It is unfair to make people in lower Sub-Groups pay more than they have to in order to join a club simply because they are joining a lower Sub-Group.
4. This is not to say we shouldn't support students joining Student Groups, however, it shouldn't come at the mandatory expense of other members.
5. The Activity Hardship fund exists for this purpose, however if a Student Group wishes to add additional support it could still do so via non-mandatory donations, which this motion does not oppose.

Purpose

Stopping Mandatory Sub-Group Subsidisation in Student Groups, yet still Allowing Non-Mandatory Sub-Group Subsidisation.

Actions

1. Update Bylaw 9 to add the following clause between 19. and 20. under the section "Memberships, Data & Fees":

"Affiliated Student Groups may not mandate members to subsidise Sub-Groups by using other Sub-Groups' membership fees. If Affiliated Student Groups would like to offer Non-Mandatory payments they may do so as long as such payments are not required for Sub-Group membership."