



Motion for Change

EC17 – Parents & Carers

Submission:

I would like to put forward an issue that has come to my knowledge around childcare. Having become a mother recently I have found that there is no support for student parents around the array of childcare. It would be great if this could be put forward to the council so that maybe the University could do an arrangement with certain nurseries or creches so that parents of children could be looked after whilst parents are studying.

To my knowledge I know that people have tried to deal with childcare issues but however, this still meant that the parents had to attend - thus, defeating the purpose of getting the child looked after. I have found this is important to highlight because there are a lot of parent students that wish to study but childcare may be a huge issue; I am also aware that it is extremely expensive! So, please could the council take every aspect of this matter into account. Personally, if someone like myself was to have got pregnant and their family to be miles away this subject of childcare would be extremely hard for the parent. If say, they were single but had already applied for further studies or studying and signed up for student accommodation this therefore means that the parent wouldn't be able to detach themselves from these contracted elements very easily. This issue should be assigned to the president of well being and the president of education because they seem to overlap. Page 4 of 6 It is important to know that many of us are needing to be supported around childcare and so many would be benefited if this was to be arranged, whether it be a creche or nursery or any other options to help parents out. We are all open to options if any others are put forward to us from the presidents.