



Motion for Change

EC27 – Part-time Women’s Officer

Submission:

That the Students’ Union introduces a Part-time Women’s Officer.

YSJ is around 70% women. But even though 57% of university students in the UK are women, they are not getting to the top of their fields. Many of the women who do get these top jobs are still getting a lower pay than their male counterparts. Trans women also face extreme discrimination, along with other issues. It is important that they feel heard and know they have support within our institution. Period poverty is a serious issue for many women and though the university has some measures in place to help support women going through this, we can still do more to help. The role of a Woman’s Officer would fit in very well with the other liberation officers, as it can support the BAME Officer when discussing issues with women of colour, the disabilities officer when discussing women with disabilities and LGBTQ+ officer when discussing trans women’s issues. Women may be a majority at YSJ but that does not cancel out the issues we face day to day.