



## Student Executive Council

<b>Committee:</b>	Executive Council
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Report Title:</b>	Paper EC/1819/02/06 – EC05 Drug Use
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### 1. Issue

The Council is to receive the proposed motion EC05.

### 2. Recommendation

The Council is asked to review and discuss the proposed motion and vote on its implementation.

### 3. Report

Report attached.



## Motion for Change

### EC05 – Drug Use

#### Submission:

*More awareness about drug use and the dangers/consequences of this. I think it is a much bigger issue than is spoken about and there is a lot of pressure to use drugs without enough said about the consequences. I know far too many people that suffer with their mental health as a result of drug use, multiple of which have ended in suicide or suicide attempts. I think it needs to be advertised that there are people you can speak to at University if you are struggling with drug use as with it being an illegal activity, I think people are scared to talk about it and therefore suffer in silence.*

#### Proposal:

*That the Council mandate the President of Wellbeing and Diversity to work with the Students' Union and the University to craft a response to increase awareness about drug use; its impact on wellbeing and mental health; and ways in which students and staff can seek help.*

#### Submitted by:

*A student*

Tabled by the Executive Council Chair for the Council meeting on: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Designation: EC/1819/02/06

Outcome:

## Feasibility Statement

*I am aware that there is an increase in drug use by our students at YSJ. Consequently, I have emailed the Head of Campus and Residential services, Wellbeing and Mental Health manager and the Welfare Advisor to arrange a meeting where we can discuss what can be done to tackle this issue.*

*Olivia Bowers, President of Wellbeing and Diversity 2018/19*