

POLICY PROPOSAL

TITLE: INCLUSIVE FOR ALL NOT JUST THE ABLE-BODIED. WHEELCHAIR ACCESS REQUIRED AT SU EVENTS.

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The policy proposal needs to be put forward by two people who have to be registered students at Bath. You can only propose and/or second a maximum of 2 motions during a policy round. Your policy cannot exceed 750 words excluding references.

REASON FOR CHANGE

Considering that...

1. Not all events directly advertised by the SU, such as Volt nightclub, are accessible to students with disabilities.
2. The values of the SU as stated in the mission statement are 'Inclusivity for all students'
3. Discrimination against disabled people, as a protected group, is illegal and therefore makes the SU vulnerable to lawsuits.

PROPOSAL

Set out the principles behind your approach to the situation and what you think should change and why. What are the specific actions The SU might consider in delivering these outcomes?

1. All events directly run by or endorsed by the SU will be accessible with the minimum requirement of wheelchair access for all events.
2. Disabled students will be given adequate opportunity to attend SU run events if they so wish.
3. The SU will highlight the accessibility of SU run events through an SU run campaign or support Enable running a campaign to reassure students they are welcome in the SU.

RATIONALE

1. The SU cannot enforce this on clubs and societies who may wish to meet in less accessible venues, however the SU in future will only choose accessible venues with the minimum requirement of wheelchair-access.
3. This will contribute to the SU's mission statement of being inclusive for all.

IMPLICATIONS

1. The potential legal implications of this policy ensure that the SU cannot be accused of disability discrimination.

2. The financial costs of changing Volt nightclub to an accessible venue must be considered, however more tickets could be sold as disabled students would be able to attend another venue.
3. A budget for an SU run accessibility campaign – or allocated to Enable - to reassure and apologise to disabled students for the previous discriminatory decisions taken by the SU.