

## **Idea 9: YUSU to officially support a vote on the final Brexit deal**

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### ***What are you suggesting?***

For the Union to be mandated to campaign and devote publicity towards students taking political action in favour of a vote on the terms of the UK's departure from the European Union - which must include a 'Remain' option.

### ***Why do you believe this should happen?***

The University receives over £10,000,000 per year from the EU in research grants. EU students at York contribute more than £11,000,000 annually to the economy. A 'no deal' Brexit would put significant financial strain on the institution and the local community: this could mean cuts to the student experience and cost savings elsewhere, including higher accommodation prices.

YUSU has a responsibility to protect the rights and interests of EU students, faced with the prospect of being charged fees at an international rate. It should also show solidarity with members of staff who face uncertainty over their residency. Even Home students must be represented, with Erasmus in jeopardy and lacking clarity over its future.

Faced with this, YUSU should lobby the University's senior management - especially the (Acting) Vice-Chancellor - to continue to voice their concerns over Brexit, as other Vice-Chancellors have already done. Taking part in this national debate would likely enhance the quality of debate on campus, allowing us to mobilise in favour of our York community's rights.