

YUSU Expired Policy

YUSU Policy Remains 'Active' for 3 years from the date of its approval by the Policy Process.

It is important to note that Policy expiring does not mean that the effects of a Policy are no longer in operation. For example, a role being renamed or replaced via Policy will not come back into existence upon its expiry. Others may have been rolled into YUSU's operational policies or day-to-day activities.

1. YUSU should lobby for 24 hour portering in every college

Submitted By: Peter Lawson & Jack Baker

YUSU will lobby the University to restore 24 hour portering to every college and to ensure that portering staff are based within colleges.

Policy Expired: 27/11/2015

2. YUSU should replace the position of Entertainments Officer with a college events coordinator

Submitted By: Kallum Taylor (YUSU President)

YUSU will remove the current role of YUSU Entertainments Officer. The name of 'Entertainments Committee' will be changed to 'College Events Committee' and will be chaired by a 'College Events Coordinator' (a non-Officer position), elected by the coordination committee.

Policy Expired: 27/11/2015

3. YUSU should lobby for a national evidence-based drug policy

Submitted By: Madeleine Spink

YUSU will call for the government to introduce a panel to review the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, and reinvest any resources released into effective education, treatment and rehabilitation programmes. YUSU will also lobby for high-quality, evidence-based medical, psychological and social services for those affected by drugs problems, including widespread availability of heroin maintenance clinics.

Policy Expired: 27/11/2015

4. YUSU should pay all its employees a living wage

Submitted By: Dilan Gurgur

YUSU will implement an action plan to pay all staff a living wage (or a student living wage for student staff), which would be phased in from the beginning of next year and is likely to include a six-month probationary period, during which employees are not paid the full living wage amount. Covering the cost will mean some changes for YUSU employees (e.g. reduced employee benefits, fewer student staff) and/or changes for students (e.g. changes to pricing, decreased operating hours) who use YUSU commercial outlets (e.g. Courtyard, YourShop).

Policy Expired: 01/05/2016

NB: [YUSU announced that as of September 2016 all student staff \(alongside Full-Time staff\) would be paid at least the National Living Wage](#)

5. The YUSU Welfare Officer should be renamed to Welfare and Community Officer

Submitted By: George Offer - Superseded by 'The name of YUSU's 'Welfare & Community Officer' should be changed to 'Community & Wellbeing Officer' - Submitted By: Scott Dawson

YUSU will add responsibility for all activity in the local community regarding students to the Welfare Officer's portfolio and rename the position Welfare & Community Officer.

This would mean specifically tasks such as:

- Developing a network of local or neighbourhood representatives to speak on behalf of students community and residents' meetings;
- Providing centralised support for college off-campus reps to help them build college communities which spread into the local community;
- Working to develop and realise the Student Community Partnership Strategy, improving the image of students in the local community and finding new ways for them to integrate with and support the local community.

Amend the Bye-Laws so that all references to the Welfare Officer read Welfare & Community Officer and make the following adjustments to the Welfare Officer's portfolio as outlined in Bye-Law [OFFICER GROUP]:

Change clause 18 to read:

"The Welfare & Community Officer is primarily responsible for representing the rights and interests of students regarding their wellbeing on-campus and in the local community. and for ensuring that all students have the support and pastoral care

required to enjoy their student experience and for developing and realising the Student Community Partnership Strategy.

To the end, the Welfare & Community Officer shall:

- Coordinate the business of the Liberation & Welfare Assembly and chair meetings of its committee;

Represent student views on matters affecting their wellbeing in the University, locally and nationally;

- Liaise with University support services to ensure that provision is consistent, accessible and relevant to the needs of students;
- Coordinate and support college wellbeing representatives, providing information, training opportunities and resources to enable them to support the needs of students;
- Coordinate and support college off-campus representatives to the same ends;
- Work to ensure YUSU provides a professional advice and support service with the capacity to serve all students and to promote this service amongst students;
- Ensure students have the information and resources they need to understand and defend their own rights;
- Be an ex-officio member of University committees as set out in Appendix(A) and others as may be required;

Support and help to promote the work of Nightline to students;

- Support the work of the Part-Time Officers, who chair Campaign Networks, including offering opportunities for them to collaborate on campaigns and awareness-raising activities."

Policy Expired: 16/10/2016

6. YUSU should implement the proposed democratic reform

Submitted By: Kallum Taylor

YUSU will introduce a new Policy process that aims to Inform, Consult and Involve all members. A full proposal that explains the new process and how it affects students is available from www.yusu.org/change.

Amend the following YUSU Documents:

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Bye-law [OFFICER GROUP];

Bye-law [NETWORKS];

Bye-law [ELECTIONS];

Bye-law [REFERENDA];

and the Constitution of University of York Students' Union (YUSU)

Introduce the following new Bye-laws:

Bye-law [COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS]

Bye-law [CREATING POLICY]

Bye-law [POLICY & REVIEW GROUP]

Appoint current Union Chair, Lloyd Wallis, as Acting Policy Coordinator until the elections in the Spring Term.

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7. YUSU should form a College Student Association for your college

Submitted By: Josh Lee

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College Student Associations will be given an important role in developing new Union Policy.

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8. YUSU should develop and implement a plan for a student letting agency

Submitted By: Megan Ollerhead

YUSU will develop a feasibility study and business plan for a YUSU Letting Agency. Providing that a plan can be produced which encompasses the following values, it will be implemented and a YUSU Letting Agency will be created. The plan must:

- Reduce lettings costs for students;
- Guarantee better quality accommodation for students;
- Be open and honest about fees and process with all tenants, prospective tenants and guarantors;
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