

## **By-law (5): Campaign Networks**

*This By-law sets out the role and purpose of Campaign Networks. A Campaign Network is an extended group of students who take an interest in an area on which the Union campaigns, in particular issues of equality and social justice such as women's liberation or environmental sustainability. Such Networks have regular open meetings where these matters can be discussed and where campaigns, events and lobbying can be proposed. There is also an organising committee who are tasked with coordinating members in delivering the Network's aims across the University and beyond.*

### **Definition**

1. There shall be the following Campaign Networks:
  - 1.1. Disabled Students' Network;
  - 1.2. Environment and Ethics Network;
  - 1.3. International Students' Network;
  - 1.4. LGBTQ Network;
  - 1.5. Mature Students' Network;
  - 1.6. BME Students' Network;
  - 1.7. Women's Network.
2. Campaign Networks shall be convened in order to bring students together to discuss issues of importance to them and to work together to organise events, campaigns and other forms of democratic action.
3. Each Campaign Network shall have a Network Committee responsible for the arrangement of Network meetings and for coordinating the activities and campaigns of the Network.
4. The business of a Campaign Networks shall be coordinated by a Part-time Officer of the Union; in the absence of this Officer, the Network Committee may nominate one of their number to chair a meeting, subject to approval by the members present.

### **Terms of Reference**

5. Each Campaign Network shall have a Terms of Reference (See Appendix D) that supplement the provisions of this Bye-Law, which shall be responsive to the changing needs of the members.
6. The Terms of Reference for each Network must be agreed annually at an Open Meeting held in Summer Term. These shall include:
  - 6.1. A statement of the aims and purpose of the Network;
  - 6.2. Any eligibility criteria for voting in meetings or elections of the Network; and,
  - 6.3. The core committee positions for the following year, including any eligibility criteria for candidates.
7. The Terms of Reference for each Campaign Networks must be agreed annually through a process which is open, accessible and communicated clearly to all members.
8. Any amendments to the Terms of Reference and details of the process by which it was reviewed will be submitted to Policy & Review Group, who can reject new Terms of Reference on three grounds:
  - 8.1. The process by which they were reviewed was not fair to and representative of all members;
  - 8.2. The new Terms of Reference contradict the powers and objects of YUSU;
  - 8.3. The new Terms of Reference substantively change the purpose or remit of the Network, in which case the change must be referred to the Policy Process.
9. The Terms of Reference shall be made available for reference on the Union website once approved by the Policy & Review Group.

### **Membership**

10. All full members of the Union who fulfill the eligibility criteria outlined in the Terms of Reference for each Network shall be considered Network members.
11. Full members of the Union who do not fit these criteria may attend any Network meeting and assist in the running of any Network campaign or event, but cannot vote on Network matters or stand for election to the Network committee, unless these eligibility criteria are waived for an individual by a majority vote of eligible members.

### **Network Committees**

12. The Officer shall be the principle member of the Committee of the Network, bearing ultimate responsibility for its proper conduct.
13. In addition to the Officer, the Network shall annually elect a General Secretary responsible for maintaining minutes and records of Network business and supporting the Chair as necessary.
14. The remainder of a Network Committee shall be made up of 'core' positions, which shall be approved annually by the membership as part of the Terms of Reference and may only be amended at that point, and other positions which may be created or removed by a vote at an open meeting during the course of the year.

### **Open Meetings**

15. The Officer responsible shall call a minimum of three Open Meetings per term, the time, date and location of which shall be decided and publicised at the beginning of the term, or earlier where possible.
16. There shall not be a quorum for an Open Meeting of a Network.
17. Any member of the Union shall be entitled to attend and speak at an Open Meeting of the Network, but only eligible Network Members shall be entitled to vote.

### **Chairs**

#### ***Disabled Students' Network***

18. Disabled Students' Network shall be chaired by the Disabled Students' Officer(s).

#### ***Environment and Ethics Network***

19. Environment and Ethics Network shall be chaired by the Environment and Ethics Officer(s).

#### ***International Students' Network***

20. International Students Network shall also be known as the 'International Students' Association'.

21. International Students' Network shall be chaired by the International Officer(s).

***LGBTQ Network***

22. LGBTQ Network shall be chaired by the LGBTQ Officer(s).

***Mature Students' Network***

23. Mature Students' Network shall be chaired by the Mature Students' Officer(s).

***BME Students' Network***

24. BME Students' Network shall be chaired by the BME Students' Officer(s).

***Women's Network***

25. Women's Network shall be chaired by the Women's Officer(s).