Cambridge University Students' Union

EMERGENCY MOTION

MANDATING THE CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER TO WORK WITH CUSU DISABLED STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN

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CUSU Notes:

1. That the accessibility of educational provision across Cambridge is unequal on a faculty & departmental level;
2. That lectures are rarely if ever recorded & their notes made available electronically, rooms themselves are often physically inaccessible, and due to recent DSA cuts (and proposed future cuts for 16/17) certain reasonable adjustments previously available to disabled students will no longer exist, making it more difficult for certain students to attend academic commitments;
3. That these are just a few of the ways that Cambridge University is structurally inaccessible in its educational provision;
4. That CUSU Disabled Students' Campaign & its members have a wealth of resources and experience of exclusion from education at faculty and departmental levels;
5. That constitutionally, one need not have lived experience of disability to hold the position of CUSU Education Officer, and that therefore the requirements of disabled students might neither be clear nor necessarily a priority to the Officer.

CUSU Believes:

1. That the CUSU Education Team should by mandate consult with CUSU Disabled Students' Campaign on matters pertaining to the accessibility of education;
2. That this consultation should take the form of an open dialogue initiated by the Education Officer in the first instance each year.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To mandate the CUSU Education Team, led by the CUSU Education Officer, to work with CUSU Disabled Students' Campaign & to actively seek consultation and advice from people with lived experience of disability via CUSU Disabled Students' Campaign.