

Improving Blood Donation Facilities on Campus

This Union Notes:

This section should include any facts, figures or statements that you believe are relevant to the topic of your policy. Remember in this section clear and effective referencing is important.

1. Whilst the university hosted the 'Know your type session' in May 2018¹, the SU has not advertised or led a blood donation event since 2012².
2. Currently the NHS requires 2000 blood donations a day³.
3. The nearest blood donation point to campus is The Central Hall, Coventry which is 2.66 miles away.⁴
4. The NHS Blood and Transplant Service said it needed to improve its ability to 'Create awareness amongst younger generations.'⁵
5. That other student unions including Coventry⁶, Nottingham⁷ and Manchester⁸ have all led blood drives within the past year and/or intend to lead blood drives in the upcoming academic year.

This Union Believes:

This section should include opinions or supporting statements for your policy.

1. The support that the NHS provides to the students physical and mental health at the university is invaluable and essential to student life and hence there is a moral obligation to support them in any way possible.
2. That time management and inconvenience⁹ is a major reason as to why young people are not as likely to donate blood.
3. That since many medical conditions that require blood transfusions are linked to age¹⁰, and since Warwickshire has approximately 110,400 people aged from 60-79, blood donations would be an invaluable resource for the area.
4. That whilst blood donation is an important issue, the union recognises not all students are in a position to be able to donate blood.

This Union Resolves:

1 <https://tickets.warwicksu.com/ents/event/16560/>

2 <https://www.facebook.com/warwicksu/>

3 <https://www.blood.co.uk/why-give-blood/>

4 <https://my.blood.co.uk/SessionFinder>

5 https://nhsbtdeb.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/2158/nhsbt_stakeholder_perceptions_research_report_2016.pdf

6 <https://www.cusu.org/news/article/volunteering/NHS-Blood-Donation/>

7 <https://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/news/article/6001/732/>

8 <https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=19734>

9 <http://bloode.org/blood-donation-why-are-us-young-people-not-giving/>

10 <https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/004006.htm>

This section should be about how you want the SU to react, the outcome of this policy. Remember to mandate specific departments/sabbatical officers; this will make things easier for future accountability

1. For the Democracy and Development Officer and Environment and Ethics officer to communicate with the relevant local representatives of NHS England and/or blood donation charities to investigate the possibility of having blood donation available on campus.
2. For the Environment and Ethics officer to spearhead an awareness campaign in order to make students more aware of the need for blood donation.
3. For the societies officer to liaise with any societies linked to blood/organ donation to find how to SU may better support them in their goals.

Policy History		
Action	Body	Date

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