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Ethical and Environmental Policy

This Union Notes:

1. Coventry University Students' Union (CUSU) recognises the impact that its operations and membership have on the wider world.
2. As a responsible organisation CUSU aims to act in an ethical manner and to minimise its environmental impact.
3. That the UK Government is legally bound to reducing carbon by the climate act 2008.
4. That the 18,000 plus members of Coventry University Students' Union have a significant impact on the local and global environments, through individual choices and collective behaviour.
5. Climate change is one of the greatest threats to our generation and it is therefore in our interest to play our part in combating further climate change.

This Union Believes:

1. It is our duty to protect the environment for future generations and therefore we should adopt the principles of sustainability.
2. That we have a responsibility to promote and implement environmentally sound policies on and off campus.
3. That sustainability should be high on its list of priorities.

This Union Resolves:

1. To support Go Green week, the Students' Union's annual environmental week
2. To mandate the Environmental and Ethical Officer and Vice President Welfare to raise awareness among students of environmental issues and ways in which they can act on them
3. To aim for a Silver award in the Greener Impact awards
4. Minimise, re-use and recycle all materials wherever practicable
5. Provide environmental awareness training for our student officers and staff and encourage them to apply good practice in the work place

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