



**Passed by Executive:**  
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## **Free Water For All**

### **This Union Notes:**

1. The recommended daily intake of water is at least 8 pints
2. Water helps to maintain a healthy body weight by increasing metabolism and regulating appetite
3. Water leads to increased energy levels and better concentration
4. Mild dehydration is the biggest cause of daytime fatigue and headaches
5. Packaging and transportation of bottled water is expensive, depletes finite resources and increases the UK's carbon footprint
6. There is a lack of free water provision across campus

### **This Union Believes:**

1. Students should have unlimited access to free, clean water within their Faculty buildings and across campus
2. Water is a basic daily requirement which can greatly improve the concentration of students in lectures
3. Current taps identified as providing 'drinking water' are regularly found in toilets, which is unhygienic and prices for bottled water are high
4. Using water provision systems which connect to main tap water supplies is much less expensive than water systems which use bottled water and is better for the environment

**This Union Resolves:**

1. To mandate the Vice President Welfare to contact the Estates department and obtain a quote for the installation of water fountains which are supplied by the same sources as the University's tap water
2. To mandate the Vice President Welfare to discuss with the University the possibility of installing at least one filtered tap water fountain per University building, including Faculty buildings, the Students' Union and the Library

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