



Passed by Executive:
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Lapses: November 2013

No Platform for Racism and Fascism

This Union Notes:

1. That a No platform policy has been in place for the last 3 years and is due for renewal

This Union Believes:

1. That racism and fascism are still rife within society and that they should be confronted wherever they are found
2. Students and students' Unions have a long proud record of achievement in the fight against racism and fascism
3. That in line with the Unions' Equal Opportunities Policy, the Union should be at the forefront of the campaigns to combat prejudice and bigotry
4. That by complimenting the Equal opportunities Policy with a No-Platform Policy, we can step-up the challenge to racism and reinforce our commitment to fighting fascism
5. That the No-Platform Policy also compliments the European Convention on Human Rights, the Race Relations Act
6. We must balance freedom of speech with protection from fascist and racist groups, working within the legal framework
7. That No-Platform Policies help safeguard its members from being subjected to listen to lies, bigotry and hatred
8. That some members are confused about what No-Platform amounts to and it is the responsibility of council officers to educate its members on the issues surrounding a No-Platform policy

This Union Resolves:

1. Not to allow Racist or Fascist groups in Students' Union buildings, at all Students' Union events and on all Students' Union property
2. To condemn discrimination and oppression in every form.
3. Not to allow any known person who can be shown to have advocated or expressed or to be likely to advocate or express racist or fascist conduct, attitudes or views anywhere in or on Students' Union building or premises, or at any events held, organised or promoted by the Students' Union or by a society of the Students' union
4. No Coventry University Students Union officer or student group may share or seek to share a platform with a no platform speaker, at any event in their official Students' Union capacity.
5. To liaise with NUS and 'Searchlight' for up-to-date information concerning racists and fascist groups
6. To make breach of the No-Platform Policy a disciplinary offence
7. The Equality and Diversity committee will monitor the implementation of this policy, and report on any developments to Student Council
8. To actively promote the hate-crime reporting centre to all students
9. To mandate the Executive to brief all Students' Union groups on the no platform policy

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