

Provision of free Sanitary Products for Students

This Union Notes:

The research/facts around the proposal:

“One in ten girls (10 per cent) have **been unable** to afford sanitary wear”

“One in seven girls (14 per cent) have had to ask to borrow sanitary wear from a friend due to affordability issues”

“More than one in ten girls (12 per cent) has had to improvise sanitary wear due to affordability issues” Such as using Sellotape and paper towels, or socks etc.

“Women who have experienced period poverty are more likely to suffer from anxiety or depression, struggle to pay their bills and have an unfulfilling love life, a study claim.”

“After finishing their education, 44 per cent of women who had been through period poverty struggled to find employment.”

Changing this at Coventry University Campuses can raise both student satisfaction and employability, leading to better university student experience and possibly higher rankings.

This Union Believes:

The changes you want to make:

Students should be provided access to free sanitary products in order to ensure that they can attend their classes and have an equal chance at education.

From the start of their education at Coventry university Group, they should be fully informed about what is available for them, where to seek help and advice.

This Union Resolves:

How the Union will achieve this:

To Mandate the University and CUSU to look at providing free sanitary products in all female toilets in all University buildings across the Coventry University Group.

To mandate the Executive and the Women Students' Community to encourage all students and staff to donate sanitary products to this cause when they have surplus or deem necessary.

To mandate the Executive Committee to liaise with any Grocery Shops on Campus or in any University building for discounts on sanitary products and/or donations if they choose to.

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