**Ideas**

**Senedd**

**21/02/2022**

**Boat shed to boathouse**

Shed to house renovations and improvements

**Officer Responsible:** Opportunities Officer

**Submitted by:** Christopher Thomas

**Details:**

The uni boat shed is looking tired and worn down. It has not been looked after as best as it could be, such as flaking paint, and signs that are out of date, lack of general safety information. An example is lack of vhf radios for shared club use for communication with rail and harbour master. The safety information is out of date and this poses is understanding in case of emergency.

There is equipment being stored in the boat house which is irrelevant to the clubs that use it such as boxing pads and rugby pads.

The fuse box is temperamental and sparks when it trip, causing potential fire hazard. Access to the beach is limited by brambles which have impeded safe access to the beach to launch craft.

This list goes on. What needs to happen is a consultation with the clubs which use it and then it renovated into a building to be proud of.

**Aberystwyth University to Divest in Fossil Fuels**

To get students involved to make sure the university creates a full commitment to divest from fossil fuel investors and stick to it.

**Officer Responsible:** President

**Submitted by:** Ash Sturrock

**Details:**

The University have still not committed a full divest plan to stop investing in fossil fuels. They announced to do this in 2019 but we still have not got a road map of targets on how to reach this, or when to achieve it. We need to make sure the university make a full commitment to divest from their fossil fuel investments as much as physically possible. We want to hit net zero, we want to be greener as a university and are making great strides to do this. However, investing in fossil fuels is a contradiction to what we are trying to achieve.

Currently, we are only investing in 3rd parties who support fossil fuels with only 5.8% of our investments going towards it. Although this may sound small, this is still £1,943,316. (Information taken from people and planet)

In Aberystwyth's sustainability policy statement, created in 2020, number 17 says, "Ensure that the University increases its resilience to climate change risks". We want to help the environment, yet still fund companies that are destroying it.

So many members of staff are working on this and I believe they should be given credit.

I want to get the student union and students involved in this to put pressure on the university to make a full commitment to divest with a date and stick to it.

**Online collaborative calendar/timetable and booking system for SU and Uni space**

A collaborative, online calendar/timetable and booking system for societies and clubs to book SU and University rooms for events and socials.

**Officer Responsible:** Opportunities Officer

**Submitted by:** Sarah Davies

**Details:**

Currently, it's hard for societies and clubs to book rooms in the Students Union and the university itself. It requires emailing the union and then waiting for a reply which in the holidays, bank holidays and weekends can take days (understandably). My idea was to just make a collective calendar booking system so that anyone from a soc or club can see when the spaces are free and be be able to book them easily. As well as this, having a list of spaces available to us with information about the space (accessibility, equipment, additional facilities etc) and pictures would mean committees would be able to plan events and socials quicker and easier with less need for staff involvement.

**Rethink Christmas Holiday Period**

Rethink the Christmas Holiday Period to give Students a break after exams.

**Officer Responsible:** President

**Submitted by:** Rae Hughes

**Details:**

Students with exams in January are deprived of a much needed rest break as they often spend the entire Christmas Holiday Period stressing and revising about their exams. Many students have several exams which stretch over the entire exam period, and those unfortunate enough to have an exam on the last day of the exam period have only two days of rest between finishing their Semester One exams and beginning teaching for Semester Two.

This leaves students exhausted and starting Semester Two with little motivation to work.

I propose that we review the current Holiday Period arrangements and come to a healthy way forward.

A suggested idea may be reducing the Christmas Holiday in favour of a week off after exam. But specifics can be worked out later.