



**Ideas for The Big Meeting (AGM)**  
**Monday 2 December, 6pm**  
**Students' Union Main Room**

## **1. Allow Small Caged Pets In University Accommodation**

Please consider allowing small caged pets in student accommodation

**Officer Responsible:** Wellbeing Officer

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### **Details:**

This is an issue that I myself have dealt with and seen so many others go through. There is a big mental health problem at Aber uni at the moment and I truly believe allowing small caged pets in uni accom for some people can be life saving. I know it was for me in my first year as a student, stuck in one of those horrendous tiny prison cell like bedrooms, but to have my pets I had to break the rules and I was penalised by the uni when I eventually got found out. Even though my animals were clean, in my own bedroom and not bothering anybody. Its ridiculous that they are so strict on something that actually for a lot of people is so important! There has to be a way or system that can be introduced so that small caged pets can be allowed in student accomodation. For a lot of people especially those with mental health issues just having a small pet to care for makes a massive difference to overall wellbeing. Please consider this idea, I think you would find it would improve student wellbeing a lot. The uni financially could even gain from it as 'pet deposits' could be a system added, I know I and many others would be very willing to pay extra to keep our pets! I recently lost a friend and Aber student to suicide, I know how big the issue is and how many people it effects and this truly would help combat it. So please consider this. Thank you