



# Ideas for Senedd

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## **Use it or Lose it- Encourage Voter Registration among Aberystwyth Students**

For Aberystwyth University to provide all students in halls with a voter registration form, in the same way they are given a form to register with a GP.

Details:

In the last General Election, the so-called youth-quake saw more 18-25 year olds voting than has been seen for a long time, however voter registration rates among young people remain poor. Furthermore, in these turbulent political times, we never know when another election or referendum will come.

Many students do not realise they are legally allowed to be registered to vote both at home and at University, provided they only vote in one place for Assembly and General Elections, or referenda.

Aberystwyth Student's Union should be encouraging all students to fully exercise their democratic rights, particularly considering the fact that Ceredigion is borderline three-way marginal constituency, where every vote counts. Unfortunately, plans with Ceredigion County Council for students to be automatically added to the electoral register, have not yet materialised.

Aberystwyth Students who live in halls are greeted with boxes of random stuff, and more importantly an envelope containing a GP registration form.

This idea wants the Student Union to provide a voter registration form and free post envelope in this box to encourage all students to register to vote in the same way that we are encouraged to register with a GP surgery.

This idea also wants the SU to continue to lobby Ceredigion County Council to create a scheme that automatically register Aberystwyth Students to vote.

Submitted by: Juliet Owens





## Reverse Sports Funding Policy and its Amendment

Don't take money from academic refurbishment for sports facilities - there is a better way.

Details:

Sports funding at this university needs to be restructured and our facilities do need improvement. However, this policy is vague on exactly how much funding would be given to sports facility refurbishments and it specifically demands for a reallocation of funds from the Academic Refurbishment Budget to fund an Astro turf. The University has rejected the proposal to use that money to build the Astro turf, listing issues such as not having enough money and not having a suitable location for building the facility.

I would like to see the university have an Astro turf but the means of achieving this must be different. It is currently unrealistic to demand that the university take the money specifically allocated for the refurbishment of the Hugh Owen Library and C22 Lecture Theatre and put it towards an Astro turf.

These are facilities in need of refurbishment which are used by thousands of students every year. There are also other academic refurbishments that students want to see prioritised such as the Physics building and Llandinam. So, we should end this policy and adopt a different approach for funding sports facilities at our university.

We have put forward a separate motion on how we believe we can still get funding for an Astro turf in Aberystwyth without having to tie sports facility funding to academic refurbishment.

Uploaded is a copy of the policies we wish to reverse.

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