



# Ideas for Senedd

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## Legacy Funding for Sport

Funding for Sport, a 10 Year Plan.

### Details:

Sports Facilities Refurbishments for our Students  
- a two to ten year plan

This policy is for the stuff outside of your degree. My viewpoint is you're here to complete your degree; you have a fantastic 24 hour library, and the National Library of Wales which is just 5 minutes off campus.

I think personally we are pretty excellent at the Academic side of things. Hence why, we have won Academic Teaching Quality 2 years in a row.

So, this policy is about legacy and asking the university to invest into sport for the future. Participation levels have increased in sport, due to the free gym membership that is offered to those staying within Halls of Residences, but this has highlighted the fact that the sports facilities are not adequate for such a high usage. It's fantastic to see this increase as more students are being active and using our University facilities to exercise, but this has highlighted the problem that we need better community sporting facilities.

As a Students' Union I believe we should have a set stance for us to lobby the university to commit funds in its budgets into refurbishing its community sporting facilities. These funds can come from anywhere, not just university funds. The university should be working in collaboration with Ceredigion County Council to help grow sport in the local community and area.

Fundamentally the issue is not having the adequate sports facilities for all our students to use.

If this policy passes,

- I would like to action all the full-time officers to lobby for better sports facilities for the longevity of sport at this university.
- See that the University Executive and further University Council puts an action into improving sports facilities by 2020 and maintain reinvestment for the next 10 years once the university is in a better financial standing.
- To improve community facilities so we can engage with local communities to engage sport within Ceredigion and help improve the student and locals relationship.
- The Students' Union Full Time Officer Team to produce a report around the priorities it wants for its sports facilities and feed this back in to Estates at the University.

Attached is a summary responses of the a 284 participants to the Google Form I sent out over the weekend via social media, in a personal capacity.

Highlights -

"Sports is the basis of success in my opinion.

Better facilities = higher standard of people coming to the uni.

Higher standard = higher university results.

Higher results = More university recognition.

More recognition = Higher placed in league tables.

Higher place in league tables = Better all-round academic results.

And the process repeats.

It's no coincidence that the universities that are at the top of the league tables are also the ones with the highest academic results and the ones also topping the BUCS leagues.

Encouraging sport at the highest level should be something the University prides itself in; at the moment for many (students, modules, courses and lecturers) it seems like an inconvenience."

Submitted by: Bruce Wight





## **Compulsory Consent Training**

Provide Aberystwyth students with compulsory consent training

Details:

A lot of university students are faced with situations that are complex. One of the more problematic ones include when situations turn sexual. Why we don't already have compulsory consent training for students surprises me. Teaching students what consent is and how to get/give it would help clarify many situations for students. It would help students be more comfortable and there are programs online which are already set up to provide to students.

Submitted by: Bethan Phillips





## Leave the NUS

Aberystwyth Students Union needs to leave the NUS

Details:

Currently Aberystwyth Student's Union is a member of the National Union of Student's (NUS). The NUS, however, is about to go bankrupt. They are, according to their own financial reports, £700,000 in debt and by the end of 2019 will have a deficit of £3,000,000. Current NUS Vice President of Society and Citizenship Zamzam Ibrahim said "this will be the first national conference in modern memory that cannot guarantee there will be a national conference next year, that cannot even guarantee there will be a National Union of Students next year."

The 2018 conference was a sham and almost nothing was accomplished. All but one of the Welsh Universities' delegates walked out of the conference due to it being such an obvious mess. This organisation no longer represents Aberystwyth Students and it certainly isn't bringing Aberystwyth's students' issues to any form of government.

Our SU pays money towards this failing organisation that could be used on our SU. Even if Aber SU gets money from the NUS, the risk of the NUS failing is far too high. Their collapse is inevitable. Besides, it's not as if the NUS cares about Aberystwyth or its students. The only time we interact with them is when a bored former student shoves an iPad in our face at Freshers.

The government also doesn't pay attention to the NUS. How can we be properly represented as students when we have a union that, when you mention its name, everyone laughs? Aberystwyth students deserve proper, respected representation. Our current SU President is respected by policymakers throughout the country and would clearly be a better representative of Aberystwyth University, Students and the Student's Union. On the other hand the NUS President only has the clout to meet with small time, opposition, policymakers. That's something we expect a Sixth Form/College School President to be able to do, not the primary student representative.

The main, really the only, time we see the NUS is the discount cards. The best thing is, though, is that us leaving the NUS won't affect your NUS discount card as that is registered to you as an individual. After leaving, Aberystwyth will be free from the NUS' financial shackles but you will still have your NUS card.

The way to solve this problem is to leave the NUS. By leaving the NUS we will put Aberystwyth back on the map by removing the NUS' reputation from us. We will also prevent any more financial issues from potentially effecting our SU - who knows what will happen regarding NUS debts.

Submitted by: Edward Frith  
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