



Aberystwyth University Students' Union

**No More Carnage**

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## This GM Notes:

1. Student bar crawls and specifically Carnage have recently been in the media for promoting binge drinking and leading to incidents, which have dented the national reputation of students.
2. The stereotype that students are irresponsible binge drinkers already exists and such commercial bar crawls only further this reputation.
3. Several universities have already banned commercial bar crawls including Loughborough, Bangor and York.
4. In Aberystwyth, commercial bar crawls often include paid entry to pubs and clubs which are otherwise free therefore in essence, short changing students.

## This GM Believes:

1. Commercial bar crawls in essence promote binge drinking and unruly behaviour in a relatively short time scale.
2. They create a student mass which could seriously damage the relationship between the locals and students.
3. These commercial bar crawls are potentially dangerous in any location but
4. Aberystwyth's dangerous position by the sea poses an even greater threat to students when binge drinking to such an extent.
5. Promoting nights purely on the basis of drink prices is not only unethical but can lead to events becoming stale and students choosing to go elsewhere.
6. Students unions need to deal with the issue of binge drinking and irresponsible drinking.
7. That commercial pub crawls promote misogynistic and sexist behaviour, which is in all cases unacceptable.

## This GM Resolves:

1. To instruct commercial services to ban any activity that promotes binge drinking and to specifically ban any Carnage event from taking place within the Union.
2. To lobby the local council and police to ban commercial bar crawls from taking place in Aberystwyth.
3. To introduce a new campaign on campus that encourages responsible drinking.

4. To mandate the Guild President to implement the above resolves.