

# Union Council Motion

## **Motion Title: The Student Union policy on freebies and giveaways.**

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## **Union Council Notes**

1. The waste hierarchy states that you should always try to reduce the amount of waste material you generate in preference to reusing it or recycling it. Student feedback shows that items given away for free at events like welcome fair are not useful nor sustainable.
2. In the last couple of years, there has been shifts towards 'ethical' freebies such as tote bags, reusable cups, and bamboo straws but these still create a lot of waste and often go unused so should be limited as well.

## **Union Council Believes**

1. The union should be taking steps to reduce waste through taking into consideration the free items they give away to students and should have a formal process to review and monitor this.
2. Staff and officers should be encouraged to review, reduce, and or remove freebies. They should consider what type of items are being purchased if items are given away.

## **Union Council Resolves**

1. External organisations are not permitted to distribute paper documents unless approved by the Student Union. This would exclude medical advice or other essential information.
2. Freebies and giveaways are heavily discouraged but if external organisations do wish to distribute freebies, they must be ethically sourced. This means they must be made from recycled material or can be recycled.