**Ideas**

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**We as Students' want redeveloped sports facilities**

Priority Number One: Redevelop our sporting facilities.

**Officer Responsible:** Union President

**Submitted by:** Bruce Fraser Wight

**Details:**

The Students' Union should support any redevelopments of sporting facilities in the upcoming years. As a number one priority.

In the past, we have seen redevelopment of Accommodation blocks, Lecture halls and research campuses. (Fferm Penglais 2015, Pantycelyn 2020; HO C22 2019; AIEC 2020 ongoing).

The one thing Aberystwyth University is lacking is adequate sporting facilities for all of our Union Sports Clubs and students. Whether this be for a team sport or for individual use.

The sports centre and hall are not fit for purpose for our current student body, the impact of covid has made this apparent. The sports centre building is 2nd building that was ever built here on Penglais and is incredibly outdated for its purpose. Credit is due to the Sports Centre staff team for maximising the output they get from their facilities. But we believe now the time has come to invest money in to developing sports facilities that are fit for our ever active student body.

**Submitted Amendment**

**Officer Responsible:** Wellbeing Officer

**Submitted by:** Hannah Lunnon

**Details:**

University and SU to take a stand in supporting Pro-Reproductive Rights Universally.

Current Policy ‘Take a Stand in Solidarity with Polish Protests’ encourages the SU to actively stand alongside the protest against the ban of abortion in Poland. However, all round the world countries have taken away women’s re-productive rights, not just in Poland. Universally, laws around abortion are diverse and vary by country. There are currently 26 countries where all types of abortion are illegal, regardless of if the pregnancy is a result of a rape or incest. In a further 37 countries abortion is illegal unless it saves the mother’s life.

Human rights bodies such as the United Nations (UN) have repeatedly condemned restrictive abortion laws as being incompatible with human rights norms and while most women live in countries where they can exercise their right to abortion, 41% of women world-wide still live under restrictive laws where they cannot practice their human right to have an abortion.

The inability to access safe and legal abortion care impacts 700 million women of reproductive age. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 23,000 women die of unsafe abortion each year and tens of thousands more experience significant health complications. Legal restrictions on abortion do not result in fewer abortions, instead they compel women to risk their lives and health by seeking out unsafe abortion care.

I would like to put forward the idea that instead of the Univeristy/ SU taking a stand with just Polish student and protests, that they instead take a stand in supporting Women’s Pro-Reproductive Rights universally.

Hannah the Wellbeing Officer would like the SU/ University to show their support for all international students where abortion may be illegal or banned to certain extents in their home country. I want to ensure that all these students have the access to the correct advice and support regarding abortions that they may not have access to at home, including the process of an abortion, the aftercare, and supporting wellbeing advice. Should a student in the University have to go through an abortion themselves, I want to see the University have compassion and leniency when it comes to absences, special circumstances and assignment extensions. Having to make the decision to terminate a pregnancy, and the process of terminating a pregnancy is an extremely stressful life event, that only a woman who has been through the experience can understand. Not only do women suffer from physical responses, but they will also experience a wide range of psychological and emotional responses too. It is also known that any pregnancy loss will lead to an interruption in a women’s hormone cycle. The American Pregnancy Association states that the most common negative feelings subsequent to an abortion include guilt, anger, shame, remorse or regret, loss of self-esteem or self-confidence, feelings of loneliness and isolation, sleeping problems/insomnia, bad dreams, relationship issues and thoughts of suicide. In addition to this many women will often experience grief, stress or a sense of loss and may feel less able to cope.

Abortions will NOT be looked down upon OR discriminated against and appropriate process will be put in place should a student be the victim of this due to their decision to have an abortion. A woman should have the right to choose what she does with her own body and her own baby, not a higher-up male authority.