**Women’s caucus**

**15th November 2016**

**7pm-9pm, Room 5 Union House**

Chair – Lotty Clare
Deputy Chair – Kate Wood

12 attendees

1. Introduction from Lotty – Chair of Women’s+ Caucus. Lotty recapped the last meeting by describing what women’s+ caucus is and how discussions will work and what the position of council rep means. Attendees then introduced themselves (and position if they had one).
2. Lotty then recapped the last session and went over the campaigns that Abbie had mentioned previously that she would be working on. These included Never OK, This Girl Can, Mental Health Matters and The Zellick Report.
3. Lotty and Kate then discussed what they would like to focus on this year. These included a better and more prominent social media, making the caucus a more inclusive and safe space, working with other societies to promote the importance of mental health awareness, campus security and an expansion of the Never OK campaign.

**Activity –**

Lotty then gave two pieces of paper and asked attendees to write things on a post-it they felt the University and Union were doing well in relation to Women+ students on campus and in the city and things that could be better on campus and in the city for Women+ students. Once everyone had finished, each post-it was discussed.

Issues raised included sanitary bins in every cubicle on campus, expansion of Never OK posters, Women’s+ caucus events could be better publicised, more women academics and to make more students aware of student politics (including Women’s+ caucus).

**Council reps –**

There are two spaces left for council reps and it was decided that Eda and Tanne would like to run for these posts. Robyn to speak to Tony regarding opening an online election.

**Actions –**

1. Lucy to post details of Yarl’s Wood demonstration on Women’s+ Caucus Facebook group.
2. Look at working with Sexpression or Student Ambassadors regarding a Women’s+ only sex talk/consent discussion in schools.
3. Consider a Women’s+ only space to discuss mental health issues.
4. Remove un-used Facebook group.
5. Discuss with Sportspark regarding Women’s+ only classes.

**Next meeting -** Thursday 19th January 2016, 6pm, Bookable Room 2, Union House