

2028 Sanitary Products are not a Luxury passed 8 December 2016

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Union Notes:

1. Sanitary items are necessary for health and hygiene
2. Several Student Unions, including NUA, offering sanitary products profit free or completely free (Sussex, University of Arts London).
3. The Student Union has offered the option of sanitary products at profit free cost for a few years.
4. Conventional sanitary products often contain ingredients such as chlorine dioxide odour neutralizers and fragrance which are harmful to human bodies.

Union believes:

1. Sanitary products should be as a principle free.
2. The cost of sanitary products is an unfair burden, an insulting tax on those who have periods.
3. Investing in Eco Friendly sanitary products such as Organic Cotton Tampons and Sanitary Towels has ecological health benefits.

Union Resolves:

1. To mandate Management Committee to investigate all possible avenues to offer sanitary products for free, and never on a means test basis. Where an option is viable, we mandate the Student Union and SOC to use it's resources to provide accessible, free sanitary products for UEA students.
2. To mandate the Campaigns and Democracy Officer, Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer and Women's Officer to support and promote the NUS 'Free Periods' campaign. This campaign must be inclusive to all genders.
3. To offer the free sanitary products in accessible areas and in all gendered and non-gendered facilities.