

2084 UEA as a Sanctuary Campus

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Union notes:

1. That a sanctuary campus is one that offers protection to migrants and refugees and refuses to cooperate with government attempts to collect data on migrants and/or attempts to deport students
2. That migrants and refugees escaping from conflict have come under increased attack over the last year
3. That the government has increasingly portrayed migrants and refugees in a negative light
4. That since the EU referendum in June 2016 there has been a spike in hate crime by approximately 50 percent
5. That there is a decreasing amount of resources for migrant and refugee students to receive free help, guidance and protection from this rising hate crime
6. That the Sanctuary Campus policy being used in the United States has been successful in protecting and the reporting of, and stopping the deportation of migrants and refugees in the United States.
 - i. Immigrants and international students have the rights to study without fear of deportation, and community harassment, these fears have been amplified by the recent Brexit referendum and President Trump's election
7. The Union has a zero-tolerance policy against hate crime on campus
8. The Union has an anti-Trump policy
9. The Union has a policy against Prevent, which affects migrants and refugees disproportionately

Union Believes:

1. That it is essential to have spaces where migrant and refugee students know they are safe and protected from being reported and possibly deported during their time in the UK.
2. That the rise in hate crime towards Migrants and Refugees is unacceptable and should be prevented by all means necessary
3. That help and access to professional, qualified advisors should always be available to migrant and refugee students to allow for them to feel safe in the UK
4. That a sanctuary campus policy is the best and most accessible way for migrant and refugee students to be able to feel secure
5. Universities offer a huge voice of resistance if they become sanctuary campuses as they represent a huge section of society.

Union Resolves:

1. For the Union to support all student led actions fighting for sanctuary campuses and against Prevent

2. For the Union to be non-compliant with any actions which collude with the Prevent agenda/ strategy
3. To lobby UCU and other unions which teachers, academics, and university staff teachers are a part of, to encourage their members not collude with the current policy on immigration, deportation, and monitoring of students (including Prevent)
4. To lobby the university and mandate the SU to fund a solicitor specialising in immigration law to come in and provide services for students seeking immigration advice at least twice a semester
5. To mandate future international officers (EU and non-EU) to work their hardest to advertise and signpost these services to their constituents
6. To mandate the Union to provide training to the head of Advice|SU's on basic immigration law information