

Policy Number: 2431

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Adoption of official International Holocaust Remembrance

Proposer: Daniel Burns (Jewish Society)

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Summary: Summary: To adopt the IHRA definition of Antisemitism in order to prevent and categorise against Jewish students and staff.

Council Notes

1. Antisemitism has risen by 22% year on year (2017-2018, CST) and continues to be an issue for Jewish students on campus.
2. Leaders of the Jewish community in the UK and worldwide have sought to create a definition of Antisemitism to be adopted by political parties and other institutions
3. The IHRA have created a working definition of Antisemitism¹ that has been accepted in full by all major political parties within the UK
4. [UEASU must recognise Holocaust Memorial Day and support Jewish students](#) has been adopted into policy precedent as of December 2019

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¹ <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism>