

UEA SU-assistance in end of year on-campus/off campus accommodation collection

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Summary: Collecting the clothing, duvets, books and non-perishable food as examples left over by students at the end of the academic year on the day after term ends. This being on the 15/06/19. Another collection van can come at the end of refugee week to collect off-campus donations brought to campus on the 23/06/19. The collected items will be supplied to the emphasised Care4Calais refugee-supporting NGO, whose UEA support of fits with the university's University of sanctuary initiative status. Other causes such as the homeless and animal sanctuaries can be supported and the rest will be recycled in selling on to make the campaign sustainable as with the pots and pans already sold in the Hive.

Council Notes

1. University halls are left with a significant number of for example non-perishable food cans, bedding and clothes items students are unable to take home practically. These items can be put to use to support the local community.
2. Kitchenalia are already taken in at end of year collections. There are also recycling bags for students, however local and refugee causes are timely in prioritisation.
3. Students off-campus leave a significant number of items in their off-campus accommodation in households accountable to UEA-accredited landlords.
4. An example of successful campaigns such as Bristol's student-oriented Big Give campaign is described by Amy Walsh, Bristol SU's Student Green Fund Project Coordinator, said: "Every year Bristol students increasingly want to dispose of their unwanted items responsibly and the Bristol Big Give means they can raise money for local charities at the same time¹."

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/BristolBigGive>

5. (Bristol SU), the University of the West of England and UWE Students' Union (UWESU) successfully cooperated in a substantial collections.
6. Collections on UEA campus as for the year anniversary of the University of Sanctuary initiative in January 2019 have been incredibly successful. The end of year opportunity provides the greatest yet for bringing in donations.

Council Believes

1. Recycling is beneficial as it stops the unnecessary pollution caused by throwing away reusable municipal waste. Informing students of this campaign, as well as collecting leftover items would allow UEA students to without much effort reduce their environmental impact.
2. A wider range of items than pots and pans could be collected, such as duvets appreciated by the Dog's trust as an example, could be reused².
3. Specifically collecting items with an emphasis on Care4Calais allows UEA to achieve its goal of being a certified University of Sanctuary- that is a university that ensures it has policies in place to support asylum seekers and refugees.
4. Raising awareness of this collection for this cause allows increasing student awareness and engagement with refugee week.
5. Refugee week is Mon, 17 June 2019 – Sun, 23 June 2019, the week after term; however emphasising collecting for Care4Calais allows UEA students to do their bit on campus and off campus where students can be made directly aware of the benefits of recycling.

² <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/our-centres/harefield/centre-updates/blog/student-discarded-duvets-make-cosy-dog-beds>

Council Resolves

1. Use SU resources to transport items to arranged charity drop-off points through coordinating with the Care4Calais logistical team and using volunteers to sort donations.
2. SU provide bags for on-campus and off-campus students to leave items in.
3. Coordinate with Care4Calais to ensure they provide vans to take away their required items for refugees on the 15/06/19.
4. Care4Calais will also be willing to get a van out to students during and at the end of refugee week to pick up donations from accommodation that students can bring to an on-campus collection point.
5. Care4Calais' logistical team has said they will also drive to student off-campus locations to pick up donations, if this is easier for certain students.
6. Make an SU officer blog post emphasising the SU support of this motion, highlighting specifically where such items will go.
7. Work towards ensuring as comprehensive collections as possible to divert as much from landfill as possible is achievable this academic year, as well as in the future.