

## **2164 Support the People and Planet day of action**

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### **Union Notes:**

1. Over 1/3 of UK universities have committed to divest from fossil fuels.
2. Anthropogenic climate change is indisputable, will impact the world's poorest people most and requires immediate action.
3. NUS research found:
  - i. £1100 million in university investments in extractor fossil fuel companies;
  - ii. 14% of university and 5% of Further Education (FFE) college governors linked to the fossil fuel industry;
  - iii. £ 18.7 million in university fossil fuel research;
  - iv. £11,264,051 in university fossil fuel bursaries;
  - v. £2288,000 in FE college fossil fuel sponsorship.
4. These research links and other benefits represent a conflict of interests,, causing some institutions to refuse divestment from fossil fuels.
5. On the 22nd November,, 2017,, NUS and People & Planet are supporting calls for a National Day of Action to challenge this.

### **This Union Believes:**

1. Local and indigenous communities on the front - line of fossil fuel extraction face land grabs, violence and ill health.
2. To act in meaningful solidarity, we must take a lead from and centre the voices of frontline communities in our campaigns.
3. We are running out of time to limit climate change to 1.5 - 2 degree Celsius.
4. Fossil fuel companies are complicit in climate change and its catastrophic impacts.
5. Conflicts of interest holding institutions back from divestment should be challenged.

**This Union Resolves:**

1. To endorse the National Day of Action and all future days of action, both Nationally and Locally called for.
  2. To publicise and offer support to student campaigners so they can participate - mandating the Environment and Campaigns and Democracy to actively work with People & Planet groups and other societies involved in divestment and related campaigns.
  3. To support students by providing resources, such as staff time and communications capacity.
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