**Motion to create an all Gender Equality council**

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**PREAMBLE:** This motion proposes that the Students’ Union replaces the women’s and trans and non-binary officer roles with an all gender equality council, including male, female, and non-binary persons. An 8 persons council to replace 2-part time roles, and merge 2 liberations councils be beneficial to the SU’s running and operation and allow a greater pool of ideas to develop to represent all our students.

**SECTION ONE:** In its current form, there are liberation officers for women and trans and non-binary people. There are no such roles for men, despite a demand for one from a large group of students. The SU has failed to recognise a poll, asking for the instatement of a men’s officer. Out of the 94 students who responded, 59% actively supported such a role, and only 41% did not support this, this being 56 to 39 people. This neglect of the issue has become a problem, when male suicide rates account for 3 quarters of all suicides in the UK, as of 2017.

**SECTION TWO:** The Students’ Union should create a new liberation council to replace the two-gender liberation roles and allow those who identify as men to sit on this council. The structure of the council has been proposed below:

***CHAIR: VP Welfare***

***2 Women’s Reps***

***2 Men’s Reps***

***2 Trans and Non-Binary Reps***

***2 Open Reps***