

1819 Nothing Rhymes With Orange passed 3 December 2015

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Union Notes

1. Muscular Dystrophy is the umbrella term for muscle wasting conditions
2. 70,000 people or more have Muscular Dystrophy in the UK alone
3. 1 in 1,000 people have Muscular Dystrophy
4. There are students at UEA who have a form of Muscular Dystrophy
5. Muscular Dystrophy UK (MD UK) is a charity that supports people who have these conditions and their families
(<http://www.muscular dystrophyuk.org/>)
6. MD UK offers peer support, advice, advocacy and experience
7. The MD UK Trailblazers are a branch of MD UK that conduct studies on common issues for disabled people in the UK and try to combat those issues
8. Trailblazers have conducted studies on Higher Education which have been reported by the BBC (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-29373506>)
9. MD UK is working to improve access to education, opportunities and proper health care for disabled students
10. "Go Orange!" day will take place on 22nd January
(<http://www.muscular dystrophyuk.org/events/go-orange/>)
11. MD UK would like people to wear orange for a day
12. They are aiming for 10,000 people to get involved and £10,000 to be raised
13. This is to raise awareness of Muscular Dystrophy and the campaigns Muscular Dystrophy UK are running

Union Believes

1. Students should feel supported at university
2. Young people with disabilities should be able to access Higher Education as easily as other young people
3. That all disabilities should be given parity of esteem by the Union and the University
4. We should be a union that puts effort into supporting all disabilities
5. That muscular dystrophy may not have previously been given the attention it deserves

Union Resolves

1. To assist Chronic in running an awareness campaign on 22nd January 2016
2. To advertise the campaign and get as many students and staff to get involved, wear orange and donate money
3. To assist Chronic in raising money on 22nd January 2016

4. To consult any students with muscular dystrophy about what can be done to improve their university experience
5. To consider any further action that can be taken to raise funds/awareness of muscular dystrophy.