

1898 Black History Month

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Union Notes:

1. That Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) students are under-represented in the SU institutions
2. The Ethnic Minorities Officer has organised in 2015 UEASU a large number of events during Black History Month (BHM) increasing the engagement of BME students in UEASU events. This was the first time that the UEASU has organised and hosted a BHM full of events.

Union Believes:

1. Black History Months should be organised every year
2. The Student Union should host events through Black History Month to raise awareness of BMEs students, their cultures, and experiences, and to make the SU a more inclusive place
3. Students should be fairly represented
4. BHM is an important month to recognise BME history.

Union Resolves:

1. To mandate the UEA SU, the Ethnic Minorities Officer, and the Campaigns and Democracy Officer, in coordination with the BME caucus, to run a range of events through Black History Month, awareness campaigns and also social events to ensure that we remember the unbelievable work and contributions of BME activists and celebrate the BME identities.
2. To mandate UEA SU to introduce a BME/Afro/International club night, working with the BME Caucus and the Ethnic Minorities Officer, to take place in October during Black History Month and to diversify the music played throughout the year in LCR events to include more BME/Afro/International music.