

## **1393 Ethical Careers Fair – Passed 24 October 13**

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### **This Union Notes:**

1. That careers fairs offer an opportunity for students to find potential jobs and employers;
2. That traditional careers fairs, including both those organised at UEA and elsewhere, have drawn protests for the inclusion of controversial and unethical companies, such as arms dealers, banks that invest in environmentally damaging projects and tax avoiders.

### **This Union believes:**

1. That as well as action to pressure companies to be more ethical, students deserve a positive alternative when it comes to careers and employment.
2. That all careers fairs at UEA, including those organised by the university, should be ethically orientated and should be accessible to ethical companies"

### **Union therefore resolves:**

1. To organise an annual union-backed "Ethical Careers Fair", that:
  - a) Invites companies whose business decisions and investments do not conflict with union policy;
  - b) Excludes companies that are currently boycotted by the union, or
  - c) Have been specifically excluded from the Ethical Careers Fair by a simple majority vote at union council.
2. To lobby the university to make their own careers fairs ethical, in line with the standards expressed above.