



Student Council Forum (2nd December 2014)

Motion Name: Gender Neutral Toilet in Every Department

Background:

The current situation, include any relevant information about the issue.

1. Gender Neutral Toilets are essential for those of us who do not identify as either male or female. Forcing someone to use a male or female toilet when they do not identify as male or female is unacceptable. It could lead to harassment, missgendering or in some extreme cases violence. Nor is it acceptable to make these individuals use an accessible toilet, as they may not have accessible needs. It is not ok to have to go to the union or health service in order to find a gender neutral toilet. There should be one available in every department.
2. Previous student council motion was passed on the 11/12/2012 to issue an official statement that UBU will have gender neutral toilets in the refurbished union building.
3. In 2012 the Universities of Bath, Manchester, Leicester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Staffordshire, York & UCL had all put in place policies to create Gender Neutral Toilets.

Purpose:

If the motion is successful, what do you want to achieve? What's your vision for the future?

1. At least one gender neutral toilet in every department. Not just accessible toilets being used as a gender neutral toilet or labeled as such.
2. Long term plans for gender neutral toilets.
3. The people who would prefer to use these sorts of bathrooms feeling more comfortable, safer, and recognised as a valuable part of the university.
4. UBU again keeping at the forefront of liberation movements, and in doing so being transgender inclusive.

Action:

How are we going to make your vision happen?

1. To actively lobby the University of Bristol for the inclusion of Gender Neutral Toilets in each faculty.
2. Use the phrase 'gender neutral toilet/s' to relabel an existing set of toilets, in each department, that were once labeled either male or female toilets.
3. Keep at least one set of male toilets and one set of female toilets in each department, as some people are more comfortable using those types.
4. Where the infrastructure of the building doesn't support having three different bathrooms then make long term plans to change the infrastructure.
5. All new buildings, such as Beacon House, should have a gender neutral toilet.

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