



# LEEDS BECKETT STUDENTS' UNION

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## ZERO TOLERANCE TO HOLOCAUST DENIAL POLICY

### This Union Notes

1. This Union notes that between the years of 1933 and 1945, the Nazi party in Germany lead by Adolf Hitler proceeded to invade multiple European countries and performed a process of ethnic cleansing by deporting Jews, Homosexuals, the disabled, Roma and other minorities to ghettos, concentration camps and death camps. It is estimated that the Nazis exterminated around 13 million people.
2. This Union notes that there is a practice to deny that the Holocaust happened, against the evidence provided numerous historians and testimonies from survivors.
3. This Union notes that Holocaust denial is usually undertaken by individuals with fascist sympathies and/or oppressive beliefs.
4. This Union notes that Holocaust denial is currently illegal in 16 countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Switzerland.

### This Union Believes

1. This Union believes that it is unacceptable to provide a platform to individuals or organisations that support the denial of the Holocaust.
2. This Union believes that such actions can be considered Antisemitic, Homophobic, Ableist and Racist.
3. This Union believes Holocaust denial goes against our values of people living free from persecution based on their race, religion or political beliefs.

### This Union Resolves

1. This Union resolves to not provide a platform to Holocaust deniers.
2. This Union resolves not to allow any representative of the Union to share a platform with a Holocaust denier.
3. This Union resolves to make Holocaust education available to all staff and students to help prevent denial.