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Annual Members Meeting **23/02/2017**

Motion Name: Trump the ban

Background:

1. During his first month in office, Donald Trump has signed an executive order banning all travel into the United States from Iraqi, Iranian, Syrian, Sudanese, Libyan and Somali nationals including those who hold dual nationalities.
2. He has also signed an order banning refugees from 20 countries from entering the United States.
3. Families have faced separation because of this ban, leaving nationals from the above countries stranded in transit to the United States.
4. Donald Trump is a bigot and the ban is a racist and blatantly islamophobic policy.
5. The United States was built on the backs of enslaved black people and immigrants from all over the world. Separating families and denying entry on the basis of religion is a violation of human rights.

Purpose:

1. Bristol University has a vibrant community of international, and migrant students who are an invaluable asset to the university and Bristol SU has a duty to guarantee they feel adequately supported and involved by their political representative body
2. Bristol SU must demonstrate its solidarity with those affected by the Ban and resist the rise in fascism and bigotry at the hands of the Trump administration despite being constitutionally void.
3. Bristol SU and the wider student movement have a responsibility to ensure the rights of students affected particularly international, black, POC, migrant and muslim students.
4. This is an extension of Bristol SU's core values of equality and diversity and its mission to empower students to create change

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Action:

1. Mandate the Students' Union Officers to write to the US embassy with these concerns on behalf of the student body
2. Call on the University Vice Chancellor to take a public stance on this issue.
3. Bristol SU should support students wishing to use direct action, such as protests, to oppose these policies including up to £300 in financial support for expenses.
4. To support initiatives by Bristol Islamic Society, UBEM and the International Students' Officer, and any other relevant student groups, towards ensuring the wellbeing of students on campus

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