Sheffield SU Loves Trade Unionism

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Sheffield Students’ Union believes:
1. That trade unions are a vital part of our society and are crucial to ensuring workers are heard by their employers.
2. That the decline in union membership over the past two decades has been to the detriment of working conditions for students in work and workers in general.
3. That, though students are statistically less likely to be members of a union, the often flexible and precarious nature of their employment makes union protection all the more important.
4. That any organisation seeking to democratically represent its students should also proactively support the democratic representation of its own staff.

Sheffield Students’ Union resolves:
1. To publicise, support and engage with the recognised union(s) of staff in the organisation, seeking to consult them on matters of structure and employment.
2. To encourage students in part-time work to consider joining a union and to encourage PGR students to join the University branch of the University & College Union (UCU).
3. To work with Sheffield Living Wage Campaign to highlight the benefits and victories of trade unions.

POLICY HISTORY:

This policy was approved by Students’ Union Council in February 2016.

This policy is next due for review in November 2018.