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Student Council Meeting 05/06/2017

Motion Name: Anti slavery commemoration

Background:

- Bristol's callous and shameful tie's to slavery is embedded around the city. Notorious for its prosperous slaving port and importing of goods from slave plantations, the wealth and profits from the trade is still prominent.
- Many university associated buildings have links to slavery, including; Goldney Hall, Wills memorial building , Wills hall and an association to the Colston society.
- University of Bristol's black acceptance rate is 6.9 per cent making it the fifth lowest of any Russell Group university.

Purpose:

- Due to the University being located centrally in a city that profited greatly from slavery, it has a responsibility to address the history especially in university buildings that uphold those links.
- With students attending halls such as Goldney and Wills we believe the university should play an active role in further educating the students on their links to slavery.
- With a small percentage of BME students attending the university, we believe that addressing the history will further incite a more inclusive and diverse environment, especially due to the prospect of graduating in the Wills memorial building.
- In the wake of several BME students being targeted and racially abused within the university grounds. Educating all students on the university buildings with links to slavery, essentially reduces ignorance and therefore indicates that the university is taking steps to provide are more inclusive environment for BME students.

Action:

- To have more information inside the Wills memorial building about its history and links to slave produced tobacco.

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- To have leaflets handed out to all first year students regarding slave commemoration links.
- To have an update on the universities website timeline regarding slavery linked commemoration.

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