Postgraduate Students Policy

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This Students' Union Notes
1. Sheffield University has over 7400 Postgraduate students (2014) who make up nearly 25% of the student population.
2. Engagement in many areas of sports, activities and representation by postgraduates is disproportionately low.

This Students’ Union Believes
1. Many postgraduates feel the Students’ Union has nothing to offer them and is designed for undergraduates.
2. For too long postgraduates haven’t had a strong enough voice within the University or Students’ Union on many issues.
3. Whilst postgraduate issues are gaining prominence on the national agenda more needs to be done to reflect this within the University and Students’ Union.
4. Due to the nature of their courses PGT students have less opportunity to engage or be involved in the Students’ Union Community.

This Students’ Union Resolves
1. To work with the University to further develop Postgraduate engagement and representation across the University.
2. To work with all departments across the Students’ Union to make sure the services we offer are relevant and accessible to postgraduate students.
3. To work with postgraduates to produce a Postgraduate community to help providing better help for postgraduates assimilate into the Students’ Union Community.

POLICY HISTORY:

This policy was originally passed by Students’ Union Council in May 2012. The above revised policy was agreed by SU Council in December 2014.

This policy was renewed for 12 months in November 2017 with a view to bringing revised policy during this academic year which updates outdated information and includes more concrete action points in the Resolves.