Support Nicaraguan Twinning with Sheffield University

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Council notes:
1. Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the Americas, with 48% of the population living below the poverty line. For this reason many students cannot afford to go on to further education.
2. Sheffield city has been twinned with Estelí, Nicaragua for 35 years.
3. The University of Sheffield has been informally twinned with FAREM University in Estelí for 15 years.
4. Every year Sheffield Students for Estelí society sends 10 students to FAREM to teach English and be part of a cultural exchange.
5. However Nicaraguan students cannot afford to come to Sheffield to experience the cultural exchange in full.

Council resolves:
1. Help raise awareness of the twinning among students of the University of Sheffield.
2. Formally twin with FAREM University, Estelí.
3. Lobby the university to foster links with FAREM.
4. Lobby the university to set up a scholarship programme, similar to that of Gaza, allowing one FAREM student each year to study at the University of Sheffield.

POLICY HISTORY:
The above policy was passed by Students’ Union Council in April 2015.

This policy was renewed for 12 months in November 2017 with a view to bringing revised policy during this academic year.