

Environment Planet Pledge

This Union notes:

1. That plastic glasses have been used when the glass alternatives could, and should have been used e.g. when people are drinking in the bar during a quiet period of the day.
2. That NUSSL has a rating system of products according to their environment and ethical standards.
3. That UEA has the potential to be a very pleasant environment, but that levels of litter on campus are often unacceptable and detract from this.
4. That there is evidence of chewing gum having been discarded on the floor and trodden into carpets, again detracting from the local environment.
5. That the recycling facilities on campus are inadequate and poorly advertised.

This Union believes:

1. That the bars should only use plastic glasses when necessary – in accordance with safety regulations.
2. That each individual student should be responsible for keeping campus tidy, putting litter and chewing gum into bins etc.
3. That the Union should buy those products with the best environment/ethical ratings wherever possible.
4. That the recycling facilities should be more accessible and that if there are any directions to them, that they should be more prominent.

This Union resolves:

1. To mandate the Union Executive to organise a campaign to raise awareness of certain companies and their ethical and environmental stances perhaps in conjunction with NUSSL i.e. promoting NUSSL 'Do it for the Planet' products.
2. To ask the bar manager to be aware that plastic glasses are only to be used when necessary, consistent with safety.
3. To run a campaign to target the litter problem.
4. To mandate the Union to buy products with the best environmental/ethical ratings wherever possible.
5. To mandate the Union Executive to lobby the University so as to improve the current recycling situation on campus (including the Mary Chapman Court).