



## Ideas to improve your Union, University and City

### Better Leeds Agenda, 16/05/19, Function [5.30-7.30pm]

1. Apologies for absence
  2. The discussion of each Idea in turn:
    - a. The Student who submitted the Idea (or a nominated spokesperson) to explain what they want and why
    - b. Clarifications, questions, comments and change proposals from Forum attendees
    - c. The Forum Facilitator to establish if the Student Panel are able to make a decision
    - d. Secret ballot of the Student Panel
  3. Announcements and reports from two Student Executive Officers detailing progress with regard to implementation of Policy and allowing questions from Forum attendees
  4. Announcements and reports from Forum attendees / AOB
  5. Announcement of Student Panel Verdict(s).
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**Name:** Weiyi Yao

**Idea Title:** Should LUU facilitate electronic recycling on campus for students?

**What do you want/Why do you want it?**

Every year we each clear out a lot of unneeded electronic gadgets – which applies for those that can be reused those that cannot, both which can take advantage of the electronic dedicated recycling point as the nearest one away is either at Kirkstall or PC in town – both which are of at last 0.6 miles away and may lead to all wastes being diverted into the general black bins – though unsure how council is dealing then with this issue that has been passed on. And with most things being common sense from an environmental perspective, perhaps with bit more research on the business case in collaboration with Leeds City Council it would be worthwhile relooking at on-campus electrical waste recycling or feasible alternatives like having a temporary point for transport to the Kirkstall or city centre recycling, which is worthwhile as long as it increases diversion electrical waste from black or other bin (pending survey perhaps to confirm, but I suspect this is the case).

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**Name:** Elisha Foxley

**Idea Title:** Should LUU lobby the council for better recycling facilities?

**What do you want/Why do you want it?**

Currently West Yorkshire has one of the lowest plastic recycling rates in the country and in Leeds only 3 types of plastic are recycled - this doesn't include Polypropylene (PP or 5) which is commonly recycled throughout the country. As one of the fastest economically growing cities in the UK the council has the duty to improve the range of recyclable materials and the accessibility of bins. In Hyde Park, where most students are based, glass recycling bins are far and few, discouraging locals from helping the environment. Such common items such as glass bottles and plastics pots shouldn't be so difficult to recycle: the city council must sort this issue in order to battle the ever growing worry of climate change and the build up of waste.

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**Name:** Joshua Wren

**Idea Title:** Should LUU register as a TerraCycle Collection Location?

**What do you want/Why do you want it?**

TerraCycle is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to recycle "unrecyclable" products, ranging from crisp packets to stationary. The process is very easy:

- LUU could sign up to be a public collector by simply using an email address.
- Sign-up would be required to each recycling 'stream', such as Walkers Crisp Packet Recycling Program.
- LUU collect the relevant items, potentially in a large cardboard box.
- When ready, a label is printed off from the website, attached to the box and either picked up by UPS or dropped off to a dedicated drop-off point.

I believe that this could be led by sustainability services, but I don't believe it would require a huge amount of extra effort to whichever department took charge.

Increasing amounts of waste are finding their ways into the environment, resulting in devastating damage. I believe that LUU could lead the way in zero-waste recycling by signing up to TerraCycle, setting a precedent to other Leeds institutions and other national university unions.

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**Name:** Kern Cowell

**Idea Title:** Should LUU survey students for ideas on a change of use for the St George's Cemetery Chapel?

**What do you want/Why do you want it?**

I have been a PhD student at Leeds for just over a year and I am based both in Mechanical Engineering and the School of Biology. I use St George's field (the old cemetery) quite often as a cut through to get from one school to the other and commonly walk past the striking building in the centre and have often pondered what it could be. After completing some research I have found that it is the old cemetery chapel and is currently used as storage for the library. I believe this is a real shame for such a beautiful building in one of the most scenic parts of campus to be shut away from the public and diminished to a storage outhouse.

I propose that LUU survey students asking for renovation ideas for the building, to change its use as a library store to something more befitting of such an iconic space. Possible renovations could range from a coffee shop, bar or art gallery and I'm sure there are many more possibilities. Post survey, the ideas that have the most support could then be put forward to the university as evidence that the renovation of the St George's Cemetery Chapel has the backing of both LUU and the student body.

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**Name:** Uthpala Ramprasad

**Idea Title:** Should LUU lobby the University to reform the laundry arrangements for University accommodation?

**What do you want/Why do you want it?**

We need washing machines and dryers that do not operate through Circuit Laundry. I have found that Circuit Laundry is not efficient both economically (it's expensive) and is extremely miserable in terms of customer service. Their app has trouble connecting to the machine and their customer service is either not available or simply not helpful. The dryers are out of order sometimes and take a day or two to repair. Why have a middle man at all? Why not have a machine for each floor? Most standard houses have it.