Reading University Students' Union

Campaign Proposal Submission Form

Please complete all areas and either print out and hand it in at the Students' Union reception or email it to campaigns@reading.ac.uk.

To see an example Campaign Proposal, please see the Student Voice page (www.rusu.co.uk/studentvoice)

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Title: The Campaign Proposal

(word limit of 200)

London Road facilities

Background:

This should include any research or facts you have and if anything similar has been done before.

When we arrived at this new site –January 2012, it became immediately apparent that the space although very good had absolutely no provision for students to sit or study outside lectures other than outside! RUSU previously campaigned and managed to secure the old chapel. This was refurbished over the summer and now houses tables and chairs, sink and toilet but it can only hold 30 students at a time in comparison to the 500-600 students on this site. Many people from across the years and the specialism at the London Road campus are very dissatisfied with the service we receive. In order to be able to print using the pre-paid system on campus cards students have to travel to whiteknights campus as there is no top-up machine on London Road. The only existence of any drinking water on the whole of the campus is from one tap in one room.

The lunchtime facilities are inadequate, the food in Eat & Drink very expensive, for example the burgers are more expensive than they are at some pubs. Most sandwiches have run out before midday which leaves students very little to eat. The cheapest and most available food on the menu is chips, due to the fact that most hot food takes on **average 40 minutes** to be made during a 1 hour lunch break most students are having only chips for lunch. When you are being lectured all day eating only chips is not nutritional or sustaining. The menu recently has shrunk so any quick food is not available any more, it is becoming increasingly like a pub, which for students to eat in during an hour is not appropriate. A student facility which provides limited services so people are not eating properly as a result is unacceptable. There are many more complaints to do with this service but the overall feeling is that it does not come up to scratch and that London Road Campus does not provide effectively for its students.

The problem extends to those students who bring their own food where eating in London Road Eat and Drink is not allowed, the Chapel is too busy and the students are removed from other classrooms. Eating outside has become their only option.

If you have any questions, would like clarity on any area or would like help completing this form, please contact VP Democracy & Campaigns or email campaigns@reading.ac.uk.

Aim & Objectives

Please detail what the main message of your campaign is and why you would like this campaign to be run. Please make it clear what you would like the outcome of this campaign to achieve.

Outcomes: to have improved facilities- social and study space for all students, (including laptop plug in/wifi, computer access, fast and efficient photocopiers, printing top up station, drinking water) on all programmes across the full day-8am-9pm.

Why the campaign should be run: this is a new campus, with a large number of students and the environment is as yet not conducive to support student's independent learning, study and relaxation. There is simply no where a student can go once lectures have finished, to eat their lunch, there are no plug ins for laptops, the photocopiers are far too slow.

Eat & Drink- We would like the prices to lower, more "student" friendly foods (sandwiches, salads etc) to come onto the menu, not to be kicked out for consuming your own food, it to become more appropriate for a student space, to be less concerned with making a large profit and slightly more concerned with providing a good service.

Campaign Statement

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(Word limit of 2,000 characters) **Outline why you think students should vote for RUSU to run this campaign as a priority.** This information will be the main text used on the website and any other publicity produced by RUSU.

This is a priority because it impacts on so many students and impacts now. The vast majority of students are training to be teachers, and the training is full time and very intense. This means on most occasions students will be on the site all day . This is unusual, and this makes this campaign even more important. Students need somewhere to both independently study, whether it be on laptops or computers, or at a desk or to talk, design teaching materials. And they also need somewhere to eat and drink and talk if they bring packed lunches. Eat and Drink is a paid cafeteria and does not allow anyone in other than those buying from them. Finally you should be aware there isn't even library facilities on this site.

Reading University's top priority is the wellbeing of its students; on one of the Campuses this is being ignored. On a Campus which is centred about education and learning the welfare of the students is not being taken into account. London Road Campus is not of the same standard of Whiteknights campus in the services it provides or the support it gives. It is not only in the students on that Campuses interest to support this campaign; it is in the interest of RUSU and the students on the other Campus as well. The eating facilities are not tailored to students needs, they are aimed at the general public and the fact that it is on a student campus is merely a coincidence. The service provided is that of a pub, the prices are pub prices and the food is pub food. In a hour break students can rarely eat more than chips, due to the extensive time it takes to make anything else and the fact that it is not properly stocked with sandwiches or anything else quick.
In a University of such a high standard it is not acceptable to put students in the position of having to eat nothing but chips for lunch which are not healthy or sustain, just because they have a limited amount of time, limited amount of option and limited amount of funds. It is equally as unacceptable that there isn't anywhere for more than 30 students to eat should they bring their own food in an attempt to combat problems at London Road Eat and Drink. Student's welfare is at the forefront of RUSU's priorities, this should extent to both campuses and the fact that it doesn't should be a huge worry.

Additional Information:

Website:

Any Additional Documentation:

Logo:

Photo:

Staff Only: Please print and sign

Policy Title

Submitted Date: **Time:**

Confirmed Submission By:

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