

POLICY PROPOSAL

TITLE: BATH STRONGER IN EUROPE

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INTRODUCTION

In the build up to a possible referendum on the UK's membership of the EU, the impact leaving the EU would have on the University of Bath cannot be underestimated. Bath SU should have a clear stance supporting Britain staying in the EU.

REASON FOR CHANGE

Considering

1. Approximately 10% of students at the University of Bath are EU students as opposed to International
2. The UK is the highest recipient of science and other research funding from the EU, of which the University has received several instalments in previous years
3. The University has an international reputation with many students taking placements in EU countries such as France, Spain, Germany, and Italy as a compulsory part of their course – which currently for EU students does not involve a complex visa process
4. Many Bath students go on to have careers internationally

Bath Students' Union recognises that

1. Even UK businesses that employ Bath graduates will have subsidiaries, headquarters, or suppliers in Europe and numerous business leaders have warned of the impact of leaving the EU could have on the UK job market and economy
2. Based on previous debates and activity on campus, the majority of Bath students who have engaged on the topic are in support of staying in the EU
3. The student vote can and should have a massive impact on the outcome of the referendum and as such a huge national campaign is taking place encouraging students to vote, and Bath SU should be a part of that

THE PROPOSAL

Bath Students' Union will

1. Run voter registration drives encouraging students to register to vote in the referendum
2. Publicise information and events on the topic
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- a) Adopt a stance supporting the 'In Campaign' in the interim until the decision can be put to a wider student vote via a referendum.
- b) Regularly share information supporting this campaign, encouraging students to vote to stay In the EU.