



Goldsmiths Students' Union Policy

Goldsmiths Students' Union Student Assembly

Motion Proposed by Bahar Mustafa

Motion Seconded by Stacey White

Motion title:

Disaffiliation from Socialist Workers Student Society

Union notes:

The Socialist Workers Student Society, currently an official society of Goldsmiths Students' Union, is the student wing of the Socialist Workers Party.

Approximately 85,000 women are raped on average in England and Wales every year (Rape Crisis England and Wales: 2014)¹

1 in 5 women (aged 16 - 59) has experienced some form of sexual violence since the age of 16. (Rape Crisis England and Wales: 2014).²

1 in 7 women students experience sexual and/or physical violence on campus in the UK (NUS Hidden Marks Report, 2012: 11)

That these statistics apply specifically to cis women as data on trans women, non binary individuals in general is less easily available.

Union believes:

Since accusation(s) of rape and sexual misconduct surfaced within the Socialist Workers Party in 2013 around 700 members have resigned, citing their opposition to how the allegations were dealt with and allegations of a cover-up.

Goldsmiths Students' Union has a duty to protect its members and has historically taken a proactive stance on issues of liberation and safe spaces.

¹http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.rapecrisis.org.uk%2Fstatistics2.php&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNEv7izp8SDv5cU-rFBp3_HlbwsvJQ

² <http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk/Statistics2.php>



We can't claim to take liberation and safe spaces seriously whilst giving a platform and resources to a party which, in their own words, did not deal with the rape allegations adequately (Simon F from Birmingham, and Rita M and Viv S from Hackney: 2013)³

Union resolves:

To disaffiliate from the Socialist Workers Student Society with immediate effect.

Campaign to keep their and the Socialist Workers Party's presence off campus and show solidarity with survivors.

³ <http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fsocialistunity.com%2Fswp-party-members-write-full-narrative-comrade-delta-rape-case%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNFrjOhMuhRwgt8pBxilNvgKBZLmEQ>