



Goldsmiths Students' Union Policy

Goldsmiths Students' Union Student Assembly

Motion proposed by Conrad Grant

Motion Title:

Protect Independent Stores and the GSU Shop

Union Notes:

That a new Sainsbury's local will open in New Cross on the 20th of November 2012. Across the country the small retailer is being wiped out. In the whole of Britain there are fewer than 1,000 specialist fishmongers, 7,000 butchers and 4,000 greengrocers, and barely 3,000 independent bakeries. In all these categories, the number of specialists has fallen by 90% since the 1950s, and at least 40% in the last decade alone.

Union Believes:

The opening of any new Chain stores are detrimental to the local community and the survival of the GSU shop.

Union Resolves:

The union to have a pro local independent store policy that considers their interests as well as the GSU shop -
The Union to maintain policy that protects the student's union shop and independent stores from chain stores. -
Make a clear ethical differentiation from the university's business decisions in regards to Chain stores on campus.