

Imperial College Union

GREENING THE NUS

Proposed by the President. Seconded by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)

Background

Goldsmiths Students' Union have submitted a motion to Annual Conference calling "For a Greener NUS". This motion has broadly the same objectives as this Union's environmental policy and we would like to submit some of the text in our policy that we feel is relevant.

Imperial College Union resolves

1. To submit the following addition to Conference Resolves 4 on motion 814

Specific methods to be employed by the NUS to reduce its carbon emissions shall include but not be limited to:

 - a. *Measuring our energy use through installing local metering or gaining access to and regularly monitoring meters if they already exist in NUS buildings.*
 - b. *Support and where feasible, pursue proposals for installation of onsite renewable energy and low or zero carbon technology on NUS buildings.*
 - c. *Reduce NUS's use of air travel by refusing to subsidise or reimburse Officer air travel within the UK if the same journey can be made by rail or bus provided that this will not take more than one hour more than travelling by plane. For the avoidance of doubt when comparing travelling times this comparison will take in to account the total journey time and will include a reasonable time allowance for check in, security checks and waiting for departure in the airport itself.*
 - d. *To assist with the implementation and monitoring of this policy a log of all flights taken by NUS Officers in an official capacity and all available energy use statistics will be reported to each meeting of the NEC or Senate as appropriate.*